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DFS plans 350-room resort in Garapan

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DFS Saipan Limited division president Marian Aldan-Pierce asked the Department of Public Lands last week to lease them 21,380 square meters of public lands adjacent to their lots in Garapan so they may build a 350-room luxury resort hotel near the former Samoan housing. DPL is now weighing a sole-source land lease agreement instead of issuing a request for proposals to maximize both investor and public benefits.

The formal letter to DPL comes a few weeks after Gov. Eloy S. Inos initially confirmed DFS' plan.

DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio, in an interview on Capital Hill yesterday, said it appears it would be practical for DPL to "consider seriously" DFS' request.

That's because DFS has properties that would not otherwise be used to their maximum potential and any public land lessee other than DFS would be landlocked in the area, he said.

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Department of Public Lands-Tinian resident director Ray Cing, right, gestures as he confers with DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio, left, while Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), center, looks on after the House Ways and Means Committee held a hearing yesterday on the governor's proposed $3.399 million budget for DPL in fiscal year 2015.

Four amicus briefs filed in case about birthright citizenship in US territories

Does the Constitution guarantee citizenship to people born in U.S. territories?

That is the question before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in the landmark case *Tuaua v. United States*. On Monday, prominent elected officials, scholars, and policy leaders filed a total of four amicus ("friend of the court") briefs to assist the Court of Appeals as it addresses these issues, each represented on a pro bono basis by a prominent national firm. Among those filing in support of the case were Delegate Madeleine Z.

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Trash dumped on Mt. Tapochau

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality has received several complaints of littering and illegal trash dumping on Mt. Tapochau.

On Tuesday, May 7, the bureau was notified of several large piles of trash left at the Mt. Tapochau parking area and near the Chief Aiken Trail turnoff. There were also unsightly remains of tables and chairs left behind from an old souvenir stand.

The next day, May 8, BECQ litter inspectors, together with the Department of Lands and Natural Resources' Division of Parks and Recreation, investigated the site to determine who dumped the trash. The trash in the parking area appeared to be mostly from tour groups. The trash pile on the side of the road near the Chief Aiken Trail consisted mainly of Styrofoam cups, plastic bottles, and plates and forks dumped after the Stations of the Cross event in April.

Division of Parks and Recreation personnel took

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Trash piles up at the Mt. Tapochau parking area where a bin used to be.

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‘Private lands first before public lands for Saipan casino’

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Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio recommends that the applicant for a license to develop a minimum $2 billion casino resort on Saipan check out private lands first before setting their sight on available public lands.

If applicant Best Sunshine International Ltd. is granted a Saipan casino license, it would be required to build at least 2,000 guest rooms, which would require a large tract of land.

Terence Tay, chief operating officer of Best Sunshine International Ltd., said they are “still looking” for a property that would best suit their planned “iconic” development.

But this would still depend on whether the Lottery Commission grants them a casino license.

Tenorio said if there are no private lands that could accommodate the casino applicant’s needs, then that would be the time to look at public lands.

“It will be a good gesture. I think people here are going to be engaged in an industry that is long-term supposedly. It’s a good gesture for them to explore the possibilities. Who knows? Privately-owned land would have much better economical rate than public land, depends on what their final agreement is,” Tenorio said in an interview after a House Ways and Means Committee hearing on DPL’s fiscal year 2015 budget yesterday on Capital Hill.

He said private lands can be leased for up to 55 years, whereas public lands are only up to 40 years. Leases on public and private lands can be extended, however.

Under the law, the exclusive Saipan casino license is for a period of up to 40 years.

Best Sunshine’s proposed integrated resort development has four phases, the grand opening for which is in 2020.

The first phase includes a 401-room hotel, a casino, food and beverage outlets, retail shops, duty free shop, themed entertainment, and spa and wellness facilities. If granted a license, the first phase will be built in 2017-2018.

The second phase, expected for completion in 2018-2019, includes the construction of a 401-room upscale hotel, food and beverage outlets, and health and aesthetics facilities.

The third phase, according to Best Sunshine’s plan, will be completed in 2019 and includes the construction of a high-end 1,001-room hotel, another casino, retail, theater, more food and beverage outlets, and a grand ballroom, among others.

The fourth and last phase, to be completed in 2020, includes the construction of 200 villas.

Meanwhile, the DPL secretary acknowledged limited public lands on Saipan, where over 2,500 households are on the homestead waiting list.

“Homestead comes first, of course. The commercial requirement is secondary and I think those two uses are completely different,” Tenorio added.

DPL has started assessing homestead lots previously awarded but have since been abandoned, for redistribution to others on the homestead waiting list on Saipan.

They have so far identified 144 of those abandoned or defaulted homestead lots on Saipan, and they expect the numbers to change as the assessment continues.

“The intent is to make use of those lots that have been abandoned…make use of them, at least to accommodate some people that have been waiting for the longest time. It’s not enough because the outstanding list now [has] over 2,500. You can never accommodate [all]. We are running out of public lands, I told the Legislature,” he said.

CUC asks DOJ, EPA to waive fines, penalties

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has formally asked the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S Environmental Protection Agency to waive the fines and penalties that have accrued against the utilities corporation under stipulated orders.

CUC management submitted the request following its board’s decision at an April 14 meeting to seeks relief on the millions of dollars that could potentially be assessed against CUC for not complying with the requirements of federal stipulated orders on time.

CUC counsel James Sirok formally addressed the request to Bradley R. O’Brien of the U.S. Department of Justice Environment and Natural Resources and Janet Magnuson of EPA’s Region XI Office.

In that April 29 letter, Sirok disclosed that CUC chief financial officer Charles Warren has calculated CUC’s potential SO-related penalties and fines to be at least $64.3 million to date.

“On April 14, 2014, the board voted to formally request the DOJ and EPA to waive the fines and penalties, which have accrued against the CUC under the SOs. This letter is to request joint discussions with you, and your team members, for this purpose,” states CUC’s letter to the two federal agencies.

According to Sirok, CUC is a public non-profit corporation. The only revenue it generates on its own, not including federal grants and Office of Insular Affairs funding, is from the customer rates it charges for electric, water, and wastewater services.

“The CNMI government, through its Legislature, does not appropriate money to the CUC as part of the annual CNMI operational budget,” Sirok told DOJ and EPA.

The two federal agencies were also informed that in the last two meetings of the new CUC board, the CUC administration has been advising the board on various matters, including stipulated orders entered in the civil action.

To date, Sirok said, there are four major SOs that have been entered in this matter, with SOs 1 and 2 being the primary orders.

“Of significance to the board is the fact that the past actions and conduct of CUC, and/or its contractors for various SO-designated projects have placed CUC in the position of being subjected to substantial penalties and fines under the SOs,” said Sirok.

Besides the waiver request, CUC also asked for EPA’s consideration in allowing CUC to operate its new fuel pipeline, once it is built and commissioned, without strict adherence to Part 49 of the CFRs. CUC also asked for further discussion of this issue with DOJ and EPA.

Saipan Tribune learned that the $64.325 million represent penalties that have piled up since the stipulated orders were issued five years ago.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson signed the stipulated orders in March 2009, setting the requirements and deadlines for CUC to meet. These orders represent the agreement between the CNMI and EPA on how CUC will come into compliance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Let’s Move Marianas starts free Zumba workouts

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Community members join a Zumba dance routine that exercises their arms during Tuesday evening’s class at the Garapan Central Park.

The Let’s Move Marianas Alliance is hosting free Zumba classes at the Garapan Central Park this May and June.

Classes are from 6:30pm to 7:30pm Mondays through Wednesdays for the month of May. This will be extended in June—from Monday through Thursdays—at the same time period.

Zumba class coordinator Ernie Molina, who is a dialysis technician at the Commonwealth Health Center, said the program is developed through the Division of Public Health and is handled by Let’s Move Marianas Alliance head Amber Mendiola.

Joseph Caranto, a certified Zumba instructor under the Zumba Instructor Network, leads the Zumba classes. Caranto said he has been certified since November 2012.

According to Molina, Caranto is also certified for basic life support and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Molina noted that 81 participants joined the first day of Zumba classes, while more than 60 joined the second day.

Caranto said there are usually 10 dance routines for workouts and one for relaxation and stress reduction.

“We usually do the warm-up first for about eight minutes, then within the hour we usually have 11 music, 10 of which are the basic workouts and the last is for cooling down,” Caranto said.

The program was planned two weeks before the actual start of the program.

“We spoke to the DPH director Margaret Aldan and Mendiola to help in disseminating information about this program,” Molina said.

Division of Parks and Recreation director Eli Cabrera said he blocked “some days in May and several days for the whole month of June for them to use [the Garapan Central Park].”

“We will maintain the area and we do cleaning from Monday to Friday but we encourage those attending to please pick up their trash before leaving,” he said.

Tess Pineda, 41, said she joined the Zumba classes for her health. “I joined because my blood pressure started going up and I wanted to lose weight,” she said.

Guadalupe Sabino, 75, said she wants to stay healthy even at her age.

“I want to be healthy, have fun, and stay fit and you know you age faster when you think of your age, but if you think younger and know you can do it, then do it,” she said.

Sabino is the oldest member of the class. She is a retired teacher, a former ballroom dancer, and was an athlete in the Philippines.

Molina said they will seek to sustain the classes with Let’s Move Marianas.

“We will be continuing this if more of the public continues to join and also I encourage the public to attend because we believe prevention is cheaper than the cure,” Molina said.

Local student to graduate from Oregon State U

CORVALLIS, Ore.—Saipan resident Jan M. Reyes will be graduating with magna cum laude honors next month from the Oregon State University, when he earns his bachelor’s degree in Natural Resources.

Reyes will join other graduates when the university holds its 145th commencement on June 14, 2014, beginning at 10:30am in Reser Stadium.

The commencement speaker is Ann A. Kiessling, director of the independent Bedford Stem Cell Research Foundation and a leader in both stem cell research and reproductive biology. She also will receive an honorary doctorate from the university.

Commencement is free and open to the public; no tickets are necessary. More information about OSU’s graduation is available online at: http://oregonstate.edu/events/commencement/. ***(PR)***

Victim, family, OAG strongly oppose Calvo's parole request

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The victim and her family as well as the Office of the Attorney General strongly opposed convicted child molester Patrick Mendiola Calvo's petition for parole during an emotional hearing yesterday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Calvo's two brothers, a neighbor, and a relative on the other hand urged the Board of Parole to approve Calvo's application.

After listening to the testimonies of both sides, Board of Parole chair Ramon B. Camacho told Calvo that the board will deliberate and inform him of their decision by Monday.

Aside from Camacho, present at the hearing were board members Wally Villagomez, Steve Mesngon, Antonio Borja, and Joe Camacho.

Hearing examiner Rose Ada-Hocog recused herself as she is related to the victim's family. Board member Alex Apatang was absent for health reasons.

Those opposed to Calvo's parole application described him as a monster, a serial sex offender, and a pedophile.

Wearing a pair of eyeglasses, a pair of black pants, and a long-sleeved shirt, the 51-year-old Calvo told the board that if granted parole he will work hard because he owes his former wife child support. Calvo said he will also pay counseling services for the victim as part of the court's order. He promised to contribute to the community and be a productive member in the remaining period of his life. He cited his accomplishments and projects at the Department of Corrections.

"I will do the best I can to do good," he said, tears in his eyes.

Calvo said that being a convicted sex offender means he will be serving for the rest of his life. He said he feels ashamed and feels sorry for the victim and that he prays everyday for her.

According to a DOC report that was read at the hearing, Calvo is described by DOC officials as a great asset as he worked on the opening of a library and other programs. DOC officials trust him and call him a trustee inmate.

Those who supported Calvo's parole were allowed to speak first, followed by those who opposed it.

Those who gave support were Ivan Propst, Calvo's brothers Anthony and Edward, and another relative who spoke in Chamorro.

Propst said he has known Calvo since the latter was a teenager. He said Calvo has a 4-year-old son who is all by himself and needs a father.

"For four years his son and parents are penalized because of his incarceration," he said.

Propst said that releasing Calvo on parole means he can provide financial assistance to his old and ailing parents as well as his family.

Anthony Calvo said the Board of Parole can require strict parole conditions for his brother if he is released. He said he is willing to serve as a third-party custodian for his brother.

On the economic side, Anthony Calvo said the government will spend $150,000 for Calvo's incarceration for another four years.

Edward Calvo asked the board to consider his brother's accomplishments at DOC. "He will be an asset to the community if released," he said.

Among those who spoke against Calvo's parole, the victim's mother spoke first, reading her own statements as well as the victim's and her siblings'.

As the mother was reading the letters, some family members and supporters were either wiping away tears or sobbing. One elderly woman cried aloud, prompting a family member to take her outside the room.

In her letter, the victim said that Calvo has shown no remorse and in fact has not sent her a letter of apology that Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja had ordered him to do.

The victim said that Calvo is sick and has lied, manipulated, and deceived his family.

The victim said Calvo is not a changed man and will pose a danger to the community, particularly children, if released.

Reading her own statement, the girl's mother said Calvo has many accomplishments at DOC because he is good at manipulating everyone and has a hidden agenda. The mother said Calvo has not taken responsibility for his actions and has not shown any remorse.

The victim's older sister stated in her letter that she does not believe that Calvo is a changed man. The sister said Calvo is sick and has not been rehabilitated.

"Please do not let him continue to manipulate this community," the victim's sister said.

A female counselor disclosed in her emotional statement that Calvo sexually assaulted her in his company in August 1997 when she was only 15 years old.

The counselor said she was shocked to learn that DOC allows Calvo to speak to children through a community outreach program.

"You're talking about a convicted sex offender," the counselor said. "I'm a mother [and] I want to know if a sex offender is allowed to speak to children in schools!"

She said Calvo is a serial sex offender and pedophile. She claims she was told that Calvo once raped a co-worker and she accused Calvo of sexually assaulting a 10-year-old girl.

The counselor said the board should not release Calvo and should let him serve the remaining four-year sentence. "Please protect the next child!" she said. "Please protect us from this monster."

She said Calvo is ashamed because of his arrest and not of his acts.

Attorney Vincent Seman said he witnessed the victim's terror, the shaking, the crying, and the pain, when she came forward. Seman said Calvo was sorry only because he was caught and that there was no admission of guilt.

"What exactly he's sorry for? What exactly he's asking for forgiveness?" Seman asked.

Lauri Ogumoro of Guma Esperanza said she is opposing parole for Calvo as a concerned citizen and as an advocate against sexual abuse of minors. "Please let him serve his time," Ogumoro said.

Bernadita Seman echoed Ogumoro's statements and said that Calvo is not remorseful.

Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence executive director Maisie B. Tenorio said Calvo is a serial sex offender who has multiple victims. She said he is a dangerous man particularly to children.

Assistant attorneys general Margo Brown-Badawy and Barbara Cepeda said that Calvo is not doing volunteer work at DOC or in the community. He is not doing this of his own free will but because Judge Naraja required him to perform community service, they said.

Margo-Brown said Calvo has four victims and possibly more.

"He has to pay for what he's done," she added.

A Superior Court jury found Calvo guilty in September 2009 of sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl in 2008. He was sentenced to eight years in prison.

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Unresolved MOE troubles PSS' Sablan

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The Inos administration's inaction on the unremitted maintenance-of-effort funds due the Public School System is troubling Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan.

The CNMI received $44 million under the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund in 2009, of which $32.3 million was for public education. One of the conditions for this grant was that PSS must be given a specific share in the overall budget of the CNMI government, otherwise known as the MOE. At the time, this was equivalent to 40 cents to a dollar or 25 percent of the overall CNMI government budget.

Based on PSS' books, the unremitted MOE for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 is over $7 million.

The CNMI government filed a waiver application with the U.S. Department of Education in 2012, seeking to change the MOE formula but the department has yet to approve this.

In March this year, U.S. Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan sent another letter to Gov. Eloy S. Inos, saying that noncompliance with the MOE requirement would potentially result in the CNMI being required to pay back the $44 million federal grant. He said this would also have potential negative impact on future federal awards for the CNMI.

Yesterday, Sablan's office confirmed that it received only an acknowledgment of the delegate's letter to the governor.

Press secretary Angel A. Demapan has yet to respond to *Saipan Tribune*'s inquiry on the status of the matter as of press time.

According to Commissioner Sablan, the situation with the MOE is "troublesome."

"I haven't heard [anything on MOE issue] which troubles me so much," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*. She confirmed receiving no communication at all relating to the MOE.

"There's no reason we should go back and forth [on this]. If the governor has methodology to identify the funding for MOE then let the USDOE look at it and see if it's favorable to the law. If it is, then let's settle with that," said Sablan.

In an earlier interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Delegate Sablan disclosed that the fact that there's no decision from USDOE means that the first decision on the formula stands unchanged.

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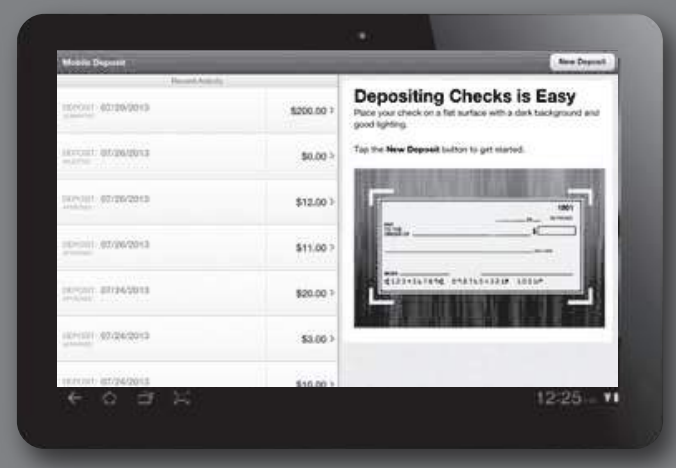

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Alleged DOC program allows sex offender to speak to kids

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Maisie N. Tenorio, executive director of the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, urged yesterday for an investigation into a report from the Department of Corrections that convicted sex offender Patrick Mendiola Calvo was allowed to speak to students about staying out of prison.

Speaking against Calvo's petition for parole, Tenorio said it's incredible that a convicted sex offender was allowed to have contact with children.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* after the hearing, Tenorio said when the Board of Parole was reporting about Calvo's accomplishments in prison, one of the things that was reported was that he spoke to students about staying out of jail.

"And so we were immediately shocked to hear that because Mr. Calvo is a sex offender," she said.

Tenorio said Calvo should not be allowed in any way to perform community service near children.

"The fact that he was allowed in a classroom to speak to students is very disturbing," she pointed out.

Tenorio said the matter should be investigated and addressed.

"We need to figure out how this happened. If this is happening on an ongoing basis, who's making this decision," she said.

Tenorio said Board of Parole chair Ramon B. Camacho noted that they will look into the matter with DOC Commissioner Ramon Mafnas.

DFS

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"…if [DFS] get[s] the lease, for example, they can use their property together with the public property to make it a more meaningful development," Tenorio said, after he and other DPL officials appeared before the House Ways and Means Committee for a hearing on the governor's proposed $3.399-million budget for DPL in fiscal year 2015.

There are six public lots that DFS wants to lease, ranging from 834 square meters to 15,187 square meters, totaling 21,380 square meters.

If approved by DPL, this would be in addition to the over 20,000 square meters of property that DFS and its sister-companies now control, located to the north and west of the former Samoan housing.

"We are aware that Public Lands often chooses to issue a request for proposals for its large lots. But we believe that it is not appropriate in this case for two reasons," Aldan-Pierce told Tenorio in a May 6 letter, a copy of which was obtained yesterday.

Aldan-Pierce said the former Samoan housing site "is not as large as the other public land sites where the RFP process has been used."

The site, she said, is only 2 hectares, "not large enough for a resort hotel."

"Second, any bidder other than DFS would essentially be landlocked at this site because the DFS companies control all the desirable private lots to the north and west of the public lots," Aldan-Pierce told Tenorio.

Aldan-Pierce said every private beach is held by DFS, as well as all of the adjacent property to the north.

"Furthermore, any developer of the public land would find that it is hemmed in by easements of access to our lots which would have to remain open. In short, while it would not be impossible to build a hotel on a 2-hectare lot surrounded by easements, it would be impossible to build a high-end luxury resort there. If public lands are combined with the DFS lands, the easements would disappear and the hotel site would be over 4 hectares in size," the DFS division president said.

Public Law 15-2 does not require the RFP process, Aldan-Pierce added.

"Instead, it is sufficient to give public notice of any proposed lease so that any interested person may submit an alternative proposal," she said.

She added that DFS is prepared to submit a proposed lease to DPL and then negotiate its terms.

Tenorio, in a response letter dated May 9, asked DFS to submit a detailed development plan, business plan, time schedule for the commencement, and completion of the resort project.

"Upon your submission of the requested information, my office will initiate a serious review of your proposal," Tenorio told Aldan-Pierce in a letter.

The DPL secretary noted, however, that there have been a number of verbal inquiries by others to lease the public land that DFS is requesting.

Tenorio said in the event that there are other interests submitted in writing, "DPL will proceed with the same approach as being asked of DFS."

"Absent any other unsolicited request for a letter of interest on the property by others, DPL will be in a more firm position to initiate discussion aimed at entering into a sole-sourced lease agreement upon completion of DPL's review of your development plan and other DPL's requested information," he said.

38 years in CNMI

DFS Galleria in Garapan is the biggest and most popular luxury brand retailer in the CNMI.

Aldan-Pierce said DFS Saipan has been in business in the CNMI for 38 years and has been a good partner with the community and the government.

This is their first time to request a public land lease.

"We have held onto these properties for many years awaiting the proper time to enter the hospitality market. We believe that time has come and we are optimistic about the CNMI's future," the DFS Saipan president said.

A top design firm is now examining the property and is preparing a conceptual plan for the resort layout, she told the DPL secretary.

The governor himself is optimistic about new and expanded investments in the CNMI, citing planned construction of a total of at least 2,600 new hotel rooms—two separate hotels with 300 rooms each and a casino resort with at least 2,000 rooms.

This is in addition to DFS' proposed 350-room luxury resort, as well as the reopening of the former The Palms Resort under the global hotel brand Sheraton.

On Tuesday, the governor renewed his request for the U.S. Department of Labor secretary to extend beyond Dec. 31, 2014, the CW program to allow the CNMI continued access to some 10,000 foreign workers as the U.S. labor pool is still not enough and prepared at a time when major constructions are underway.

DPL budget

In other news, DPL presented and answered questions from the House Ways and Means Committee yesterday morning about the governor's $3.399 million proposed 2015 budget for DPL.

This is some $2 million less than DPL's 2014 budget of $5.26 million.

That's because in 2014, the figure included the $2 million for homestead projects on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The $2 million remains with DPL and is no longer included in the operational budget submission to the Legislature.

Tenorio told lawmakers that DPL is "okay" with the governor's proposed budget for DPL.

Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), Ways and Means Committee chair, said this message was clear at the budget hearing so the committee is not expected to recommend changes to DPL's budget as requested by the governor.

The Ways and Means Committee, however, asked DPL to provide additional information, including revenue from the Managaha landing fee. Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan) asked for the Managaha landing fees collection during the budget hearing.

TRASH

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immediate action to clean up the trash left behind and are coordinating efforts to remove the remains of the souvenir stand.

Eli Cabrera, director of Parks and Recreation, is looking for new bins to install at the Mt. Tapochau parking area to replace the bin from a previous sponsor that had been removed. Presently, an agency has not been designated to maintain the site; however, Parks and Recreation will be visiting the site every week to ensure that the area is clear of trash.

Mt. Tapochau is a very popular tourist attraction on Saipan for its battleground history during World War II and its breathtaking view of the island. The site is also sacred ground for the local community because it is the home of the Stations of the Cross erected each year on Good Friday.

Unfortunately, other heavily visited sites around Saipan, such as the Forbidden Island Beach, Jeffrey's Beach, and San Juan Beach, have similar littering and illegal dumping issues.

BECQ administrator Frank Rabauliman wants to remind the community that littering is prohibited by the Litter Control Act of 1989 and violators are subject to penalties between $200 and $500 per violation, as well as community service. Open dumping is also prohibited by the Solid Waste Management Act and violators are subject to penalties of up to $1,000 per violation per day.

If you witness littering or illegal trash dumping, report these violations to Dave Chargualaf or Greg Reyes at the BECQ Division of Environmental Quality office at 664-8500. ***(BECQ)***

CITIZENSHIP

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Bordallo (D-GU), former Guam governor Carl Gutierrez, and former Assistant Secretary of Interior for Insular Areas Tony Babauta.

"I thank Congresswoman Bordallo, Governor Gutierrez, and Assistant Secretary Babauta for their support of equal citizenship in U.S. territories. Their leadership over the years has helped set the stage for our advocacy toward equal rights for all Americans, wherever one lives," said Neil Weare, president of We the People Project, who, along with attorneys at Arnold & Porter LLP and attorney Charles V. Ala'ilima, represents Lene Tuaua, the Los Angeles-based Samoan Federation of America, and others in their challenge of federal laws that label individuals born in American Samoa as "nationals, but not citizens, of the United States."

Filing in support of the plaintiffs were Members of Congress and former government officials from Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico, represented by Covington & Burling LLP; David Cohen, represented by Jenner & Block LLP; and citizenship scholars represented by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. Finally, scholars of constitutional law and legal history, represented by Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, filed on behalf of neither party, but pushed back against the government's argument that a series of controversial *Plessy*-era decisions known as the *Insular Cases* should answer this case.

The perspectives and experiences of other U.S. territories were the focus of a brief filed by Bordallo and U.S. Virgin Islands Delegate Donna Christensen, along with former governors Gutierrez (Guam), Pedro Rossello (Puerto Rico), and Charles Turnbull (Virgin Islands), as well as Babauta.

"So long as Guam and other U.S. territories are part of the United States, citizenship by birth should be recognized as a right guaranteed by the Constitution, not a mere privilege extended by Congress," said Bordallo.

"Nearly 600 soldiers from Guam recently returning home from Afghanistan, in fact, more than 125,000 veterans call a U.S. territory home. It's about time the federal government stops arguing that Guam and these other territories aren't really part of the United States when it comes to important rights and benefits," said Gutierrez, who, in addition to many other accomplishments in the area of federal-territorial affairs, served as president of the first federally recognized Constitutional Convention in 1977.

"The idea that people born in a U.S. territory can be denied full and equal U.S. citizenship is a relic of another era and makes no sense for our country in the 21st century," said former Assistant Secretary Babauta.

Their amicus brief explains how birthright citizenship has benefited residents of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands without displacing what makes each of these areas unique.

David Cohen, an attorney of Samoan heritage who served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Interior overseeing the Office of Insular Affairs from 2002 to 2008, filed a brief that addresses the human impact "non-citizen national" status has on the lives of those born in American Samoa. Cohen's brief outlines how tens of thousands of "non-citizen nationals" living throughout the United States are denied basic rights like the rights to vote, serve on juries, and bear arms. "Non-citizen nationals" are even denied certain career opportunities in government and military service.

Addressing the history and importance of birthright citizenship in the United States are Professors Sam Erman, Nathan Perl-Rosenthal, Holly Brewer, Linda Bosniak, Kristin Collins, Rose Cuison-Villazor, Stella Elias, Linda Kerber, Bernadette Meyler, Michael Ramsey, Lucy Salyer, Rogers Smith, and Charles Venator-Santiago. They argue that the common law understanding of birthright citizenship supports recognition of citizenship by birth throughout the United States, including U.S. territories. Their brief highlights that the only judicially recognized exception to this principle was the Supreme Court's infamous decision in *Dred Scott v. Sanford*, which denied citizenship to African-Americans, and which was later overturned by the Fourteenth Amendment.

Professors Christina Duffy Ponsa, Gary Lawson, Sanford Levinson, Bartholomew H. Sparrow, and Andrew Kent, filing on behalf of neither party, argue that the government's reliance on the *Insular Cases* is misplaced. They argue that the *Insular Cases* doctrine is irrelevant to determining the Citizenship Clause's geographic scope and demonstrate why the courts should not endorse an expansion of the *Insular Cases*' controversial incorporation doctrine. (In February, several of these amici participated in Harvard Law School's "Revisiting the *Insular Cases*" conference where Judge Torruella argued that "[t]he Insular Cases represent classic *Plessy v. Ferguson* legal doctrine…that should be totally eradicated from present day constitutional reasoning.")

Last June, the D.C. District Court dismissed the *Tuaua* lawsuit, and the plaintiffs appealed to the D.C. Circuit. This February, the D.C. Circuit denied the federal government's motion to dispose of the appeal before full briefing.

The federal government will file its brief later this summer, as will the American Samoa government and the territory's delegate, who have moved to intervene in the appeal. If the D.C. Circuit holds oral argument, it is expected to take place later this year. ***(We the People Project)***

Suda gets 6-month sentence for disturbing the peace

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho handed down yesterday a maximum sentence of six months in prison against Daisina Suda, a 41-year-old woman who pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace. Suda recently testified that she assisted her then-boyfriend rape a minor at a motel.

Camacho ordered Suda to serve the sentence without parole. She was given credit for the four months that she has already served in jail.

In sentencing Suda, Camacho said the defendant admitted in court that she participated in letting her then-boyfriend Parvez MD. Barpery sexually assault a 17-year-old girl inside the San Jose Motel in May 2013.

Although Suda pleaded guilty only to disturbing the peace, Camacho said those facts are relevant at the sentencing.

Assistant attorney general James McAllister deferred to Camacho whatever sentence he would impose on Suda.

Suda's counsel, attorney Samuel Mok, recommended a sentence of four months of time served. Mok said it's a tragic and horrible situation and there's no winner in this case except the rule of law.

Suda was charged with the same charges filed against Barpery, who was found not guilty of sexual assault in the first degree and disturbing the peace.

Mok said that using the same logic that Camacho stated in acquitting Barpery on the charge of disturbing the peace, Suda was not charged with prostitution or aiding and abetting as she was charged with the same offenses as Barpery.

Mok also disclosed that Suda's father recently passed away. He asked the court to allow the defendant to be temporarily released for at least 16 hours so she could attend the funeral.

Mok said the father died off-island last April 15 due to cardiac arrest while visiting family in Texas.

The lawyer said the elder Suda's body is en route to Saipan and will be arriving on the island on Friday. He said a rosary will take place that evening at the family's residence in Garapan, with the actual burial itself taking place on Saturday at the Tanapag Cemetery.

Mok asked the court to allow Suda's temporary release to a third-party custodian for the 16-hour period so that she may pay her final respects to her father.

Camacho allowed Suda to attend the funeral, saying she will be released on Saturday from 7am to 1pm.

"I will allow you to say goodbye to your father," Camacho said, adding that Suda should be back at the Department of Corrections by 1pm.

Suda pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace as part of a plea agreement. As part of the deal, the government agreed to dismiss the charge of sexual assault in the first degree. She testified in the jury trial of Barpery.

According to the basis of the plea agreement, Suda "committed an act that unreasonably annoyed or disturbed a minor child" in May 2013.

In his judgment of conviction, Camacho said it is a harsh reality that prosecutors must often make reluctant plea bargains with defendants.

"This is one of those cases," said Camacho, noting that Suda's confessions to the police implicated Barpery.

The judge said the Constitution prohibits the prosecutor from using Suda's confessions against Barpery if Suda does not take the witness stand.

He said the prosecutor desires a case as strong as possible against Barpery who allegedly sexually penetrated the girl.

The government alleged that in May 2013, Barpery sexually assaulted a then 17-year-old girl inside a motel room in San Jose.

The government alleged that Suda aided Barpery in the assault by bringing the girl to the motel, yelling at her, and physically restraining her while the girl was being raped.

The alleged victim is now 18 years old.

A Superior Court jury on Tuesday unanimously found Barpery not guilty of sexual assault in the first degree.

Camacho, who presided over the trial and decided on the misdemeanor charge, also found Barpery not guilty of disturbing the peace.

In explaining his verdict, Camacho found the testimonies of the government's three main witnesses—the alleged victim, her cousin, and Suda—not credible.

Camacho said he believes that sex did take place and the alleged victim agreed to have sex with Barpery in exchange for money. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Electronic gaming regs amended

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REPORTER

Emergency electronic gaming regulations have been amended to, among other things, raise the cap on the number of electronic games licenses active in a single electronic gaming facility—from 100 to now 175. But the cap on the number of electronic game licenses remains at 1,000 annually.

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson approved the emergency regulations on April 24, and concurred by Gov. Eloy S. Inos on the same day.

The regulations amend the acceptable manufacture date of electronic games—from "before 1-1-2012" to "before 1-1-2006."

It also amends the required return on wagers—from between 85 percent and 95 percent to 88 percent and 97 percent.

Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), author of the electronic gaming bill that became law, said yesterday that some of the amendments resulted from the concerns he raised.

"They have something to do with requirements that were not in the legislation. They have gone beyond what the legislation's intent was," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Other adjustments to the previously established regulations clarify that violations of applicable rules may be grounds for imposition of civil fines and suspension of licenses, and amend the communications protocol that is required.

Strategic Gaming Solutions Inc., one of the electronic gaming investors, said the original proposed rules were "too restrictive" and, like what Sablan said, "go far beyond the provisions" of the law.

The regulations provide structure for the implementation of Public Law 18-30 or the Tourism Entertainment and Destination Act of 2013 that was signed on Dec. 13, 2013.

The law amends the definition of gambling device "to exclude electronic gaming." Under the law, electronic gaming machines are allowed only in hotels on Saipan with at least 100 rooms or, if they have fewer than 100 rooms, should be attached to a golf course. It was one of the revenue-generating bills that passed the Legislature the past year; others include video lottery and casino gaming on Saipan.

Guam hopes to add lifeguards this year

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Guam is hoping to boost the number of lifeguards it has patrolling beaches and swimming pools in the territory.

Pacific Daily News reported Tuesday that the territory's Department of Parks and Recreation currently has eight lifeguards, no lifeguard instructors, and six vacancies.

Director Raymond Blas says government officials are working on plans to improve the program. He says the department needs equipment and people at the island's beaches.

Blas says beaches will be better staffed once three more lifeguards are hired this year, but need more.

He says the department is considering a volunteer lifeguard program.

Dog tags may solve a 70-year-old mystery for West Delray man

By MARISA GOTTESMAN
SUN SENTINEL

The dog tags are pitted, battered. But there is enough left of them to solve a mystery that's haunted a West Delray man for 70 years.

The dog tags belonged to U.S. Army Private Bernard Gavrin, the uncle of David Rogers, who is now 81. Gavrin was reported missing in action in 1944 during the brutal battle of Saipan, but that was it. No one in Rogers' family ever knew what happened to him.

Now, thanks to a former enemy, Rogers is closer to understanding what happened to his uncle. A Japanese group that searches for the remains of soldiers found Gavrin's dog tags in a cave on the Pacific Island — and representatives delivered the news personally to Rogers and other family members in the states.

"I am the only living relative to have known my Uncle Bernie," Rogers said. "Words cannot do justice to the shock this news left me with."

Rogers says he still remembers the screams of his grandmother Bessie when she opened a telegram delivered by the United States War Department.

It was the middle of summer 1944 and World War II was raging. Rogers, 12 at the time, greeted the uniformed man who stood at the door to his Brooklyn home — the bearer of bad news, every mother's worst nightmare.

The only thing the family knew was that Gavrin was part of the invasion of Saipan, an island fortress heavily defended by the Japanese Army. Sometime between June 15 and July 9, 1944, he disappeared.

It remained a mystery where Private First Class Gavrin wound up — until now.

The story of how Gavrin met his death is unfolding and blank chapters are beginning to be filled in thanks to the nonprofit Japanese organization, the Kuentai Group. Their mission is to locate remains of one million Japanese soldiers killed in war and return them to their families for a proper burial.

SUN SENTINEL
Bernard Gavrin's dog tags were found in Saipan last year.

Until now, Rogers said his family assumed 'Uncle Bernie,' who was 31 in 1944, was caught up in a Japanese suicide attack, but they couldn't be certain.

"A lot of American soldiers were pushed into the ocean," Rogers said. "We thought he drowned. Now we know that wasn't the case."

Kuentai's translator, Yukari Akatsuka, said in an email that the group has recovered remains of more than 17,000 Japanese soldiers since they began digging in the Philippines in 2006.

Now, Akatsuka said the group has expanded its search and is working on Saipan, Guam, and Tinian.

While scouring caves in Saipan, the group's excavators stumbled across mass graves and, buried in them, dog tags and remains of several American soldiers.

One of three dog tags uncovered last August belonged to Gavrin.

Engraved in the metal necklace was his next of kin, his father Max, and his Brooklyn address, an instant map home.

Rogers said that's because his uncle enlisted prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor. After Pearl Harbor, addresses weren't included on dog tags out of fear that specific American homes could be targeted.

The information on the dog tags led Kuentai Group members to Bull Run Regional Library in Virginia last September, hoping to locate surviving relatives.

Special collection reference librarian Tish Como offered her services.

Using public records, census reports and newspaper clippings, Como said she located Rogers' cousins, connecting the family tree to shed some light on Gavrin's death.

"It's a wonderful example of the impact that public libraries can have on peoples' lives," she said.

When the news reached Rogers, memories began to flood back.

Rogers was 8 when he last saw his uncle. He remembers having a "childish" accident that day, which left him bed-ridden with seven stitches above his eye. When his uncle stopped by for a visit, he woke up to say hello.

The next thing he heard about his uncle was when the soldier showed up at the door with the news he was missing in action.

"As a young person, to witness that, it obviously lasts the rest of your life," he said.

Learning where his uncle spent his final days wasn't the only news Rogers recently received. He knew his uncle earned a Purple Heart, but since the dog tags were discovered, the Army verified his uncle won seven additional awards, including a Bronze Star Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, and American Defense Service Medal.

It could take a year before Rogers receives more news about his uncle. Remains found with the dog tags were given to the Joint Prisoner of War Missing in Action Accounting Command to conduct genetic testing, a slow process.

If the remains are Gavrin's, which will be the ultimate closure Rogers has been waiting for, he said there will be a military funeral in Arlington.

"I would love to be around for the burial service," he said. "Time is of the essence in my old age."

Close to 16K so far registered for general polls

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With more than three months to go before the deadline to register for this year's general election, the Commonwealth Election Commission said it already has close to 16,000 registered voters.

Commission records indicate that, as of April 22, there are a total of 15,965 registered voters for the Nov. 4 polls. This is slightly below the 16,108 registered voters in the 2009 general election.

The deadline to register is on Sept. 5, or 60 days before the elections.

Election district 1 has so far 4,336 registered voters. Of this total, 837 are from San Antonio, 2,447 are from San Vicente, and 1,052 are from Koblerville.

Election district 2, which covers Chalan Kanoa and Susupe, has so far a total of 1,340 registered voters.

Election district 3 has 3,169 voters so far. The San Jose and Oleai areas have 830 and Garapan has 2,339 registered voters.

Tanapag and San Roque recorded 594 and 557 voters so far. These two comprise election district 4, which has a total of 1,622.

Election district 5, which covers Kagman, has 2,562 registered voters so far, while Tinian and Rota have 1,327 and 1,604 registered voters, respectively.

During the 2009 general election, CEC had a total of 16,108 registered voters, of which 86 percent actually cast their ballots during election day.

The voters' statistics is expected to increase in the coming months. Considering that the current total is already nearing 16,000, it is expected that this year's general polls will yield a higher number of voters and voter turnout.

The following positions are up for grabs in the Nov. 4 election: governor and lieutenant governor; delegate; senators; House representatives; mayors; municipal council members; and Board of Education members. A legislative initiative will also be voted on.

So far, based on CEC records, only House Legislative Initiative 18-1 is guaranteed on the ballot for voters to ratify. HLI 18-1 proposes to change who qualifies as "a person of Northern Marianas descent" under Section 4 of Article 12 of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution. This governs the law of who can own land in the Commonwealth.

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Petitioner Pro Se

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL GUARDIAN OF: VELVET SUEZANNE MENDIOLA and THOMAS TYRONE MENDIOLA Minor Children, BY: EILEEN MENDIOLA Petitioner.	)	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0214** **NOTICE OF HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Eileen Mendiola has filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court a Verified Petition for Appointment of General Guardian for Velvet Suezanne Mendiola and Thomas Tyrone Mendiola, the above-named minor children. The original of said Petition is available for review at the Office of the Clerk of Court in the above entitled court in Susupe, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A hearing on said Petition for Appointment of General Guardian has been set for June 12, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A of the Commonwealth Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

DATED this 12 day of May 2014.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Meeting on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Mayor's Conference Room, 1st floor, in San Jose Village Tinian.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of minutes of 12/03/13

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS[2]

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION[2]

IV. NEW BUSINESS
1. Election of Officers
2. Review of Policies and Regulations
3. Review and Approval of Spring 2014 Scholarship Applications
4. Approval of Spring 2014 Award Disbursement

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
1. Chairman
2. Vice Chairman
3. Secretary/Treasurer

VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER

VII. ADJOURNMENT

[1] We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.

[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

[3] Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.

Make-A-Wish Foundation thanks Hyatt

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
From left, Marketing Communications manager Luis Villagomez, Food and Beverage director Tyrell Pauling, Make-A-Wish Foundation executive director Victor Camacho, Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick Nishikawa, MAWF board member Kanae Quinn, MAWF Program Services manager Kaleena Aguon, and training manager Denise Montenegro.

Officials of the Make-A-Wish Foundation recently presented Hyatt Regency Saipan with a plaque of appreciation to give thanks to the support the hotel resort has always extended to the foundation to make children's wishes come true.

Make-A-Wish Foundation executive director Victor Camacho, Program Services manager Kaleena Aguon, and board member Kanae Quinn presented the plaque to Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick Nishikawa on May 7, 2014.

Camacho expressed his gratitude on behalf of Make-A-Wish Foundation Guam, saying, "Make-A-Wish is dedicated to making every eligible child's wish come true. The support we receive from the Northern Marianas community through Hyatt Saipan's annual golf tourney is truly amazing. Each year the funds raised through this tournament help grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. We are humbled by the positive and generous response from the community and we are thankful for our friends at Hyatt Saipan."

The plaque recognized Hyatt Saipan as an outstanding corporate donor, primarily from the funds raised during the annual Club at the Hyatt golf tournament.

"Make-A-Wish Foundation not only grants wishes but also gives children a sense of empowerment over their illness, which is why Hyatt Regency Saipan has supported and will continue to support this foundation," said Nishikawa.

Hyatt Regency Saipan is a major supporter of granting wishes through Make-A-Wish Foundation and hosts events such as its Charity Golf Classic, to raise money and gather donations for the foundation.

This year, Hyatt will be hosting their annual Hyatt Regency Saipan Charity Golf Classic—formerly called the Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic—on Nov. 22, 2014, at Coral Ocean Point.

For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation, visit guam.wish.org. ***(PR)***

Respite Care Service Program on hold for further planning

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Next year's planned launch of the Commonwealth Respite Service Program has been tabled for further discussion during the May 13 board meeting of the Council on Developmental Disabilities.

A memorandum of agreement between CDD and Ayuda Network, Inc. has also been tabled for further discussion.

Ayuda had earlier been chosen as CDD's community-based organization to implement and facilitate a program to provide a comprehensive and coordinated respite care services for qualified clients in the CNMI.

CDD chair Thomas Camacho said the Commonwealth Respite Service Program already has its rules and regulations and all they're waiting for is its implementation and accompanying voucher system.

Camacho said the program cannot be implemented without having an "outside entity"—a community-based organization—to do it.

"The CDD cannot provide these services because it conflicts with CDD's purpose, which is an assistance advocate," Camacho said. "So we have decided to table the program for now."

He said it would cost $53,102 to set up the program on its first year.

Camacho noted that CDD had wanted to work with the Office on Aging since it already has a respite service program for the *man'amko*.

Office on Aging executive director Walter Manglona said that he and Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Laura Ogumoro had talked about this and they had contacted their grantor agency to discuss the matter.

Manglona said that, according to their grantor agency, "they are very specific on how we utilize the funding."

"We have a respite program already in place so for an additional introductory, for example CDD, we can assist but at this moment I was kind of reluctant to take on such a responsibility, especially with all the things that needs to be done with only one staff," Manglona said.

Office on Aging only has one employee that oversees the National Family Care Giver Support Program.

Manglona said they could possibly work with CDD in the future once they are able to train more personnel to handle the program.

Respite care is a temporary relief for primary caregivers to prevent individual and family breakdown, institutionalization of the person being cared for, or abuse by the primary caregiver as a result of stress from giving continuous support and care to a dependent person.

CDD executive director Pam Sablan said they have tried to approach other agencies such as childcare centers on Saipan about providing respite services but it didn't work out.

Man convicted of attacking guard seeks parole

Terrence A. Fitial, a man who was slapped with a 10-year prison term in 2011 for attacking and injuring a security guard in an attempt to rob a poker arcade, is now applying for parole.

According to the Board of Parole's notice, Fitial is among five parole applicants who was heard yesterday at the Department of Public Safety's conference room.

In April 2011, Fitial pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon as part of a plea deal. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison, all suspended except 10 years.

The remaining charges—attempted robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery—were dropped as part of the deal.

According to court records, Fitial and Aliston H. Santos tried to rob S.V. Poker on Aug. 30, 2010. During the attack, Fitial assaulted Edward Santos, a security guard, with a knife.

After their arrest, the two admitted participating in the early morning attempt to rob the poker arcade.

The defendants told police that they had been drinking at Fitial's grandmother's house in San Vicente when they decided to rob S.V. Poker.

The two failed to get any money after Santos fought them off. The guard sustained deep cuts on his left thumb and left forearm, but he managed to disarm Fitial during the struggle.

Responding patrol officers arrested Fitial in the vicinity of the S.V. Poker, then later apprehended Santos in San Vicente. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

PSS to House panel: Give us median of $32M and $40M

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Board of Education and Public School System officials asked the House Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday to recommend giving PSS at least "$36 million," which they said is the median between Gov. Eloy S. Inos' proposed fiscal year 2015 budget of $32 million for PSS and BOE's endorsed $40 million.

Sablan

Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, said at the end of the budget hearing that "any" upward adjustment to the governor's proposed budget for PSS would be strictly for the hiring of 37 classroom teachers that education officials brought up at the hearing.

"The priority should be to reduce the teacher-student ratio, if there's any upward adjustment in the PSS budget," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*. He cited, for example, the need to reduce Marianas High School's 50:1 student-teacher ratio, as well as those of other schools.

The Ways and Means chairman said finding $4 million to add to the governor's proposed for PSS is "tough," so there is no guarantee that would be met in the 2015 budget bill.

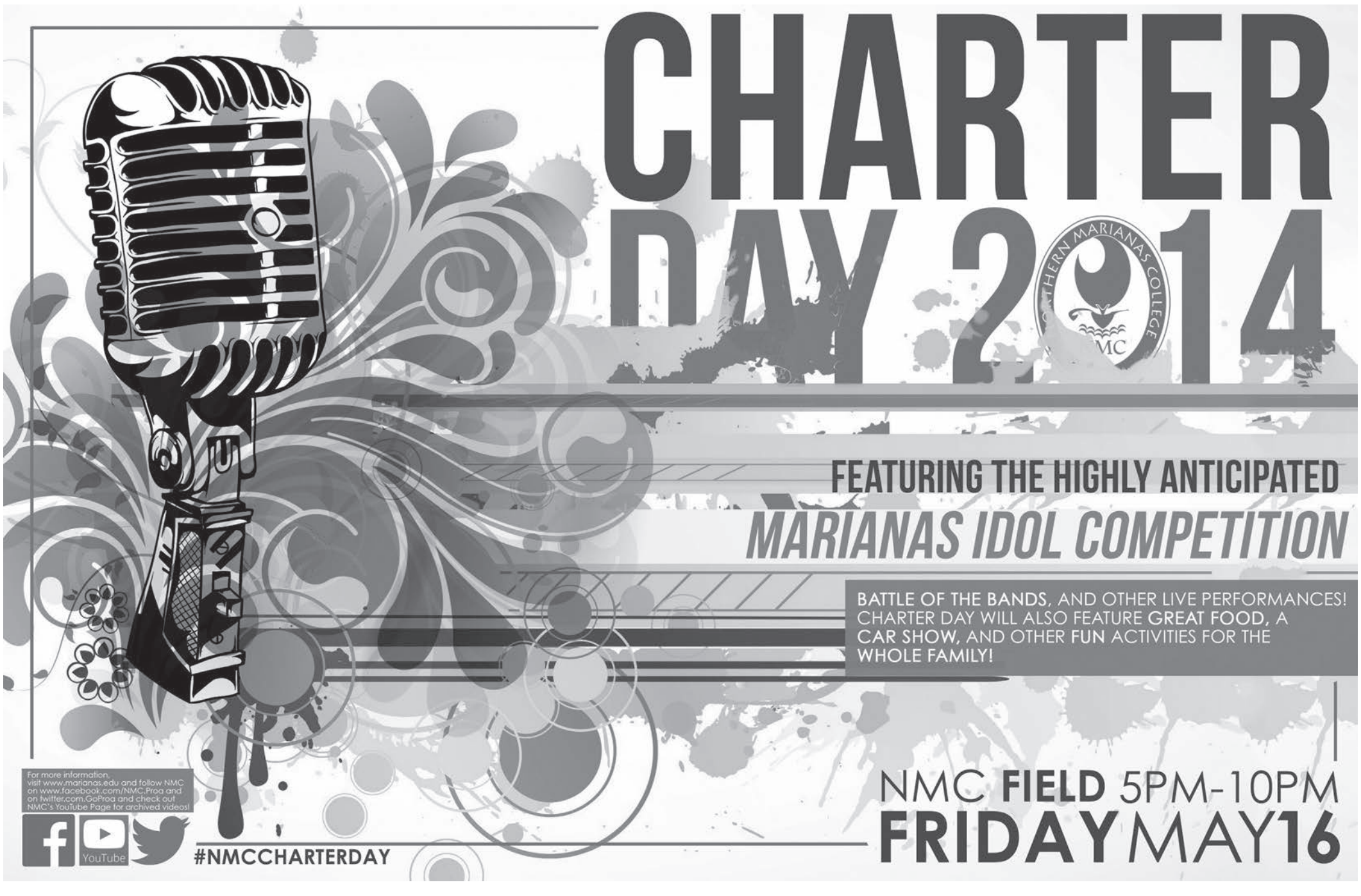
He said the Legislature, just like the administration, has to prioritize funding for public health and safety, along with education and other social services, among other things.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan said they are "hopeful." She and BOE chair Herman Guerrero led a team of education officials at the House committee budget hearing on Tuesday.

"I know that you can do better than what the governor has proposed," the education commissioner told lawmakers, who took turns asking PSS and BOE officials about its current programs and plans.

Also in the budget hearing were Management and Budget director Virginia Villagomez and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson.

Earlier, PSS' Sablan told reporters she may ask BOE to declare a state of emergency for CNMI public schools "for us to really make sure we get the amount we need to adequately provide quality education."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Public invited to NMC Charter Day celebration on Friday

NMC
Members of the community gather to watch the performances on stage at the Northern Marianas College's Charter Day event last year. This year's Charter Day event will take place this Friday, May 16, 2014, from 5pm to 10pm at the College's South Field in As Terlaje.

To celebrate 33 years of enriching lives through higher education, the Northern Marianas College is inviting the CNMI community to one of its biggest celebrations of the year, Charter Day, this Friday, May 16, 2014.

"We're inviting everyone to join us again in As Terlaje for our annual Charter Day celebration," said Charter Day planning chair and NMC student Ervin Cruz. "There will be lots of great food, fun, and live entertainment so I hope everyone can celebrate with us this Friday."

The festivities will kick off at 5pm and will continue until 10pm, at the NMC South Field in As Terlaje.

The event will feature various entertainment and competitions, including the Marianas Idol singing contest, Battle of the Bands, and the Hi-Lux Truck & Sport Compact Car Show. Numerous vendors will also be selling delicious food and drinks, as well as hosting game booths.

As part of its commitment to promote healthier health habits, sugary drinks will not be sold at Charter Day. This includes sodas or other drinks with high sugar content. Water and coconut (in nut) will be sold.

Those who cannot attend NMC's Charter Day festivities can view the festivities online by visiting the following website for the live stream: www.ustream.tv/channel/nmc2014charterday.

For more information, contact Ervin Cruz at 237-6782 or via email at ervin.cruz@student.nmcnet.edu, or visit www.marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

Teams sought for Memorial Day softball tourney

As part of an effort to uphold the memories of service members from the CNMI who have died while serving our island and country, the Fallen Heroes Memorial Group have scheduled a goodwill Memorial Day weekend softball tournament from May 23 through May 25 at the Capital Hill softball field.

"We felt we owed it to the men and women of the armed forces who put their lives on the line every day, so that we can enjoy the many freedoms of our country," said FHMG president Kennedy Benjamin. "This tournament is a way of bringing the families of fallen service members and our community together to say thank you for their service and sacrifice."

Registration is open to softball players who would like to form a team. The team entrance fee for the three-day tournament is $150 and is due on Friday, May 16. Proceeds from this event will go toward supporting the Memorial Day ceremony scheduled on May 26 at the Veteran's Cemetery, Marpi.

A coach's meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 16, at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium's conference room at 6:30pm. Prospecting teams are encouraged to send a representative to the meeting to discuss tournament rules. Mandatory forms will be handed out as well.

For more information, the public can call 285-4VET (4838). ***(PR)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday greetings go out to Grama Nora! We hope you have a blessed and wonderful birthday and we wish you many more birthdays to come. We love you no matter what! Greetings come from you babies Tyreen Mercedes and Rhian Napu.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 10th birthday to our princess, Maria Maelaine! May the Lord continue to bless, guide, and protect you, especially today, in all that you do. You are a great big sister and an even greater daughter. With love from Mommy, Daddy, Angelo, Kenzie, Derence, and the Igitol-Benjamin family.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 20th birthday greetings to Ivan Jeremy Reyes Santos! Thank you for EVERYTHING! Have a safe and wonderful birthday and may you have many, many more to come! We love you! From the Fina Sisu Tower.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

To our dearest aunt and loving sister, Mariana C. Omengkar, happy birthday to you and many more to come your spiritual way. Keep up your good work and your talented ways. You are one-of-a-kind person. Greetings coming out from your loving nieces.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 12th birthday, Princess Loutricia Santos! We hope you have an amazing birthday. You deserve nothing but the best. Stay beautiful, smart, and awesome! We love you more than words can ever explain. With love from Mommy, Daddy, and Jojo
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday to our loving aunt and sister, Rebecca M. Camacho! May this day be full of love and joy of laughter. Enjoy and keep up your shine and smile. We love you! Greetings come from the Camacho clan in San Roque.
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PSS Early Intervention Program on Tinian

Children grow, develop, and learn throughout their lives, starting at birth. A child's development can be tracked by how they play, learn, speak, and behave. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends developmental screenings be completed at 9, 18, and 24 or 30 months of age or whenever a parent expresses concerns. When a developmental delay is recognized early, children can get the help and assistance they need.

The Public School System's Early Intervention Program, in collaboration with the Division of Public Health Services, invites the public to attend an evening presentation on Child Development on May 19 at JC Café's conference room from 5pm to 6:30pm. Space is limited. Please call us for reservations.

A team of professionals will also provide free developmental screenings and hearing screening at the Tinian Health Center on May 20, from 8:30am to 3pm. For an appointment, call Tessa Diaz at 433-9233 or feel free to walk in.

For more information, call Children's Developmental Assistance Center at 664-4841. ***(PR)***

Few paying bills to Guam mental health agency

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)— Guam's taxpayer-subsidized mental health agency has collected just $100 in billings since it started charging for its services in the past three months.

The public agency, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, has had trouble getting patients to pay their bills since instituting charges for the first time in February to reduce its dependence on public money, the *Pacific Daily News* reported Monday.

"I really didn't expect much, it shouldn't be a surprise for anybody," Director Ray Vega said.

The agency's gross billings come to about $50,000 a month, he said.

"That includes self-pay, no insurance, private insurance and TRICARE," he said, referring to the military health care program.

Vega said 85 percent of patients qualify for Medicare, Medicaid and the Medically Indigent Program, a Guam program that provides health care cost assistance to those in need.

But the agency lacks certification to allow it to seek reimbursement from those programs. The agency, formerly known as the Department on Mental Health, is working on complying with certain standards that would allow for certification.

The agency this fiscal year is scheduled to receive nearly $17 million from taxpayers. About $13 million of that comes from the general fund, while $3.4 million comes from a fund collected from tobacco sales.

Senators voted to adopt a fee schedule in December in a push to reduce the agency's dependence on taxpayer money.

There are between 1,000 and 1,200 people receiving counseling services, Vega said.

The agency has been providing care, essentially free of charge, since about 1983.

'Happy Hour' fundraiser for 2014 Micro Games

The Saipan Baseball League Board, in collaboration with Budweiser/Aloha Maid, KKMP, KSPN2, *Saipan Tribune*, and *Marianas Variety*, invites everyone to another "Happy Hour" fundraiser to benefit the CNMI National Baseball Team's overall expenses (airfare, accommodations and meals, and uniforms) for the upcoming 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei.

The event will be held on Thursday, May 15, from 5:30pm to 11pm at the Garapan Central Park next to Gold's Gym. Live entertainment will be provided and a great time is a guarantee! Raffle tickets will also be on sale for a chance to win many prices at a raffle drawing to be held next month. Most importantly, the members of the National Baseball Team All-Stars will be introduced to the public at that time.

Tickets will cost $10 each with one free drink (Budweiser/BudLite/Aloha Maid/water). You may purchase your ticket(s) from any of the following SBL board members and/or team members: Rose Igitol (287-1129), Tony Rogolifoi (285-3966/234-6672), Bernard Cabrera (287-7252), or AJ Murig (989-0640). ***(PR)***

Election Commission office in Susupe open Saturdays

The Commonwealth Election Commission would like to advise all CNMI residents that are U.S. citizens that the Commonwealth Election Commission Office in Susupe will be open every Saturday from 10am to 2pm for those CNMI residents who would like to register to vote for the 2014 general election to be held on Nov. 4, 2014.

As initiative(s) regarding Article 12 of the CNMI Constitution will also be on the November ballot, registration for the Northern Marianas Descent Registry will also be accepted.

CNMI residents who wish to register to vote must provide a copy of a valid U.S. passport or a certificate of live birth as proof of U.S. citizenship. Those who wish to register for the Northern Marianas Descent Registry must provide a copy of their certificate of live birth.

For more information, contact the Commonwealth Election Commission office at 664-VOTE (8683). ***(PR)***

3rd Annual NMC Softball Tournament

PHOTOS by NMC

Northern Marianas College faculty and staff cheer for their teams during the recent 3rd Annual NMC Softball Tournament at the Capital Hill Baseball Field. Staff, faculty, and student members from the college's different divisions formed the competing teams.

Attendees cheer on friends and family competing in the 3rd Annual NMC Softball Tournament at the Capital Hill Baseball Field.

NMC students, who also work in various offices at the college, show their support to staff, faculty, and students competing in the college's annual softball tournament.

Staff and students in the Administration and Resource Development Team huddle up during the 3rd Annual NMC Softball Tournament.

Staff and students from the college's Student Services division secured fourth place in the 3rd Annual NMC Softball Tournament.

The Administration and Resource Development Team took third place in the recent 3rd Annual NMC Softball Tournament.

Staff, faculty, and students representing the Academic Programs and Services division at the college went on to rank second in annual softball tournament.

Winners of the 3rd Annual NMC Softball Tournament, NMC Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Service, receive their championship trophy at the conclusion of the event.

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Why should the US stand in for Asian nations?

The following editorial appeared in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette *on Tuesday, May 13:*

The absence of support for Vietnam by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the country's contest with China over a drilling rig in the South China Sea raises questions about how seriously nations of the region take the threat of Chinese bullying.

The issue springs from the rise of China as an economic and military power in Asia and in the world. The United States, in President Barack Obama's recent visit to Japan, South Korea, Malaysia and the Philippines and in his policy pivot to Asia, is taking Chinese ambitions seriously and making moves to counter them.

One point of friction is the contested sovereignty over assorted uninhabited islands, perhaps containing petroleum deposits, in the East and South China Seas and claimed variously by Brunei, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, Vietnam and China. These include the Paracels, the Scarborough Shoal, the Spratlys and what the Japanese call the Senkakus and the Chinese the Diaoyus. During his visit last month, Obama said the United States stood with Japan in its dispute with China.

The most recent skirmish was between Vietnam and the Chinese, who installed a large oil rig near the Paracel Islands, 140 miles off the Vietnamese coast, and defended their right to be there with naval vessels.

The Vietnamese expected that the ASEAN countries, meeting in Myanmar over the weekend, would have supported them with a resolution against China. Although four of its 10 members have such disputes with the Chinese, such support did not come. It's plausible that China exerted economic or political pressure on ASEAN members, but how much is unknown.

The question for the United States becomes, if nations near China aren't willing to speak with one voice and defend their interests on issues of sovereignty, then why should the United States?

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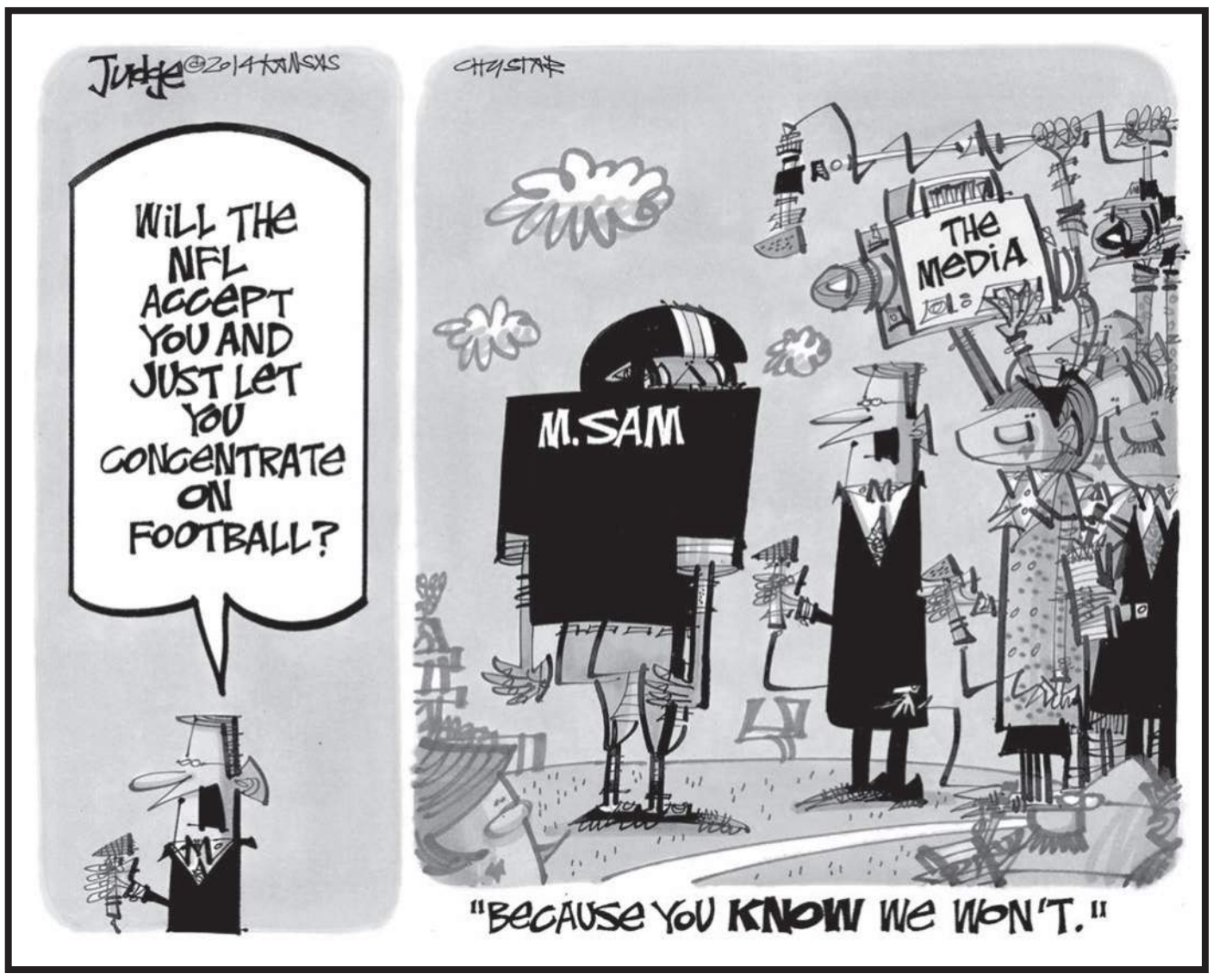
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Reviving the CNMI's crippled healthcare industry

By FAYE YU
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Almost a decade ago I left Saipan to further my education, hopeful that I might one day return home, equipped to help improve the CNMI. I am now one year from earning my medical degree from Washington University in St. Louis. Unfortunately, the CNMI has faced countless challenges, including the crippling of its healthcare industry. We witnessed the debacle of the Commonwealth Health Center's funding reduction and resulting scramble to secure loans, loss of personnel, lack of basic laboratory supplies, and difficulties with medical referrals. To make matters worse, health insurance became ironically inaccessible and less affordable in the CNMI under the Affordable Care Act this year. I am writing to comment on some of the reasons for this troubling development and to offer suggestions for how the current situation might be addressed.

What is the issue? The ACA brought the CNMI's health insurance industry to a standstill. Amendments to the Public Health Service Act call for coverage of essential health benefits and guarantee availability of coverage. These rules apply to the CNMI and place greater demands on health insurance providers. To offset this burden, the ACA mandates that all lawfully present individuals acquire health insurance or be subject to a penalty. The CNMI predictably opted out of this mandate, given the lack of tax credits to make premiums affordable to CNMI households as well as the lack of an Exchange to facilitate enrollment. Without a larger customer base to counterbalance costlier coverage, CNMI insurers made the reasonable decision not to offer new plans this year. Thus, health insurance has become inaccessible to many of our people on Saipan.

Why does this matter? Some 18,000 people were uninsured at the time of the 2010 Census, and it is likely that many more became uninsured after Public Law 17-92 repealed the employer mandate to provide nonresident workers with health insurance. Without health insurance, many people forego preventive care services. As a result, cancer goes undetected until terminal stages; uncontrolled diabetes leads to kidney failure, infections, and amputations; uncontrolled high blood pressure results in strokes and heart attacks; untreated mental illness leads to attempted or completed suicides; birth defects arise in the absence of prenatal care; and so on. People end up on their deathbeds in the emergency room. Since CHC must provide emergency care regardless of ability to pay, the entire community not only shoulders the cost of uncompensated care as the hospital shifts costs to other payers, but also suffers from having an overburdened, under-resourced emergency department whose services you and your loved ones may require at a moment's notice. Thus the lack of access to healthcare becomes everyone's problem.

What can we do? First of all, we need to care about this issue and its impact on our community. Next, we need to be proactive about solving this healthcare crisis. Some options include crying foul over the federal government's role in bungling our healthcare and putting more pressure on the feds to solve this problems; initiating discussions with other U.S. territories to create a joint exchange or pursue other joint efforts; or branching out on our own to test new waters such as funding our healthcare with local taxation, adopting a single payer system, or using a nonprofit insurance model to provide more cost-effective coverage. I believe achieving universal coverage could help stabilize CHC's financial situation and, more importantly, could provide our people with better health outcomes. I am certain many in the community are discussing this problem. I would be delighted to hear your ideas for mending our system.

I would like to close by sharing a story of personal loss related to this issue. I had the amazing privilege of caring for patients with heart disease and assisting heart surgeons in the operating room last fall. All the while, my thoughts were with my dad who had a heart attack when he was 39 years old. Surgery was recommended, but my family had mediocre insurance and could not afford it. Several years later, I started noticing signs of heart failure in my dad. I learned about the role of implantable cardioverter defibrillators in preventing sudden death in people with heart failure and suggested my dad be evaluated for one. At this point, he no longer had any health insurance and my family was struggling financially so I did not press the matter. I thought it could wait until I was out of school and earning a living, but I was wrong. My worst nightmare came true last fall: my dad's heart gave out suddenly and he was gone. There were no opportunities for goodbyes or I love yous. I lost my 56-year-old dad much too early because I failed to heed the warning signs and take action sooner. I hope that you will learn from my mistake. Address these issues sooner rather than later, take matters of health seriously, and help all in our community prosper.

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Un` fitme na kilu`us!

By JOHN DELROSARIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*

Un` sumen afamau na kakanta as Señora Barbara Mandrell ha tutuhon umusa sunidon relihion pot un` pinadesiña. Era, malolofan gi menan un` simienteyu. Gigon ha bira mataña tatte gi chalan aksidiente ya kanaha` matai.

Unu na kanta, "The Old Rugged Cross" mas famosu gi sunidu siha ni ha`ayeg. Yangin gai tiempu hau, mauleg un` ekuñgog haf` sustansian ayu na kanta. Ha sasañgan pot un` kilu`us gi chagu hogsu' ni rumepresesenta i minasapet i Saina.

Ilelegña lokue` na yangin ta gana ayu na kilu`us siña un` tulaikan ñaihon yan un` korona ni numanañga hau guihe hulu`.

Mantika yan katnen agaga`

Masoda` na i katnen agaga`, mantika, mantikiya yan leche ti dañosu kontra korason yan daibites. I usun fruta lokue` kulan safu yan homlu`. Lau hombre ennau debi u guaha inadahe.

Afañielos, i carbohydrates (lamayot patte este asukat gi hinegsa`, fina` pan yan pastre yan kontodu suni, kamute yan mendioka ni fumañañagu chetnot daibites. Gi mismu tiempu, i asukat fruta i humahatsa i baba na patte gi mafanana`an cholesterol ni gaige gi halom haga`ta.

Ayu na estudiu i fumama na baba katnen agaga` (guaka yan binadu), mantika, matikiya yan leche, masoda` na lache na pisu `nai maudai. Mafa` otden sa` uttimoña i tumuge` i lache na estudiu gumeluye programan alimienton neñkanu gi un` otganisasion federat. Dios mihu ya hagas hu letke katnen guaka yan binadu.

I alimienton katnen agaga` tai asukat. I asukat i mama` mantitika ni madiposita gi halom hagata. Estague` mina` sumen binenu i asukat piot gi man-daibites sa` fuetsau ha huchom halom gigat korason-mu. Gi katkuet manera dañosu mampos i asukat.

Man-nachaleg na asuntu

Ilegña un` membron lehislatura na dañkulu na onru para uma-yaya`u "representative". Respetu gi institusion lehislatura. Buenu!

Sige dispues chumaleg tuyan, "Guaha ha` lokue` ayu na 'representative' i ñañgon piot gi ha`anen pagamientu. Maulegña ti mattu gi offisina". Guiya ayu i gagau kadu` para kandet lau maneska.

■■■

Man-resibe-yu` email ginen hilu` na ha tutuhon si San Pedro sinsuran (test) man-diletran finu` Chamorro. Mauleg `in prekura este na leksion `sino mapega hau gi papa` troñkun mansanita gi hiyuñg trañkan i lañget. Ai na sapet piot gi tiempon pinedoñg niebi (snow) deste mes Nobiembre.

■■■

Guaha un` matai ni luma`la` tatte. Mafaisen haf` lini`eña gi lañget. Ha diskribe i lamlam satge ni malagña ke haf` na daimonte gi tanu`. Malefa-yu` tihu faisen haf` satgeña iya sasalaguan sa` hu huñgog na tai fondu!

■■■

Dispues de sais pueñge ni mumaneska, ha atan i a`asu na latan setbesa ya ilegña, "Sis hekua` hafa na sumen u mafamauleg hit na dos". Hambientu!

■■■

Un` tiempu sumen fuetsudu. Pa`gu kulan fugun manog. Hu faisen hafa guaha na mampos ketu gi un` banda. Ilegña, "Ketu, Iku, hombre para i kemun guaha `nai tihu gacha`". Hu sañgane na guaha pañales amku` na tiempu. Ai na grasia!

■■■

Ha anunsia un` amiguhu na para u kandidaton lehislatura. Hu atrebi fumaisen haf` unu sineda`ña na debi uma-aregla. Ha atanyu ya ilegña na lamegai. Anog na ti ume`ekuñgog hombre tiha danche finaisenhu. Unu ha` hufafaisengue`. Ni ennau tiha danche ya para bai` botague` si pindehu?

■■■

I otru kulan gai inande` gi moduña. Ha faisenyu` lokue` ayudu. Hu lapbla, "Hafa kattan?" Ha birague` ensegidas ya ha tanchu` kattan na direksion. Lau ti direksion finaisesenhu. Estague` otru kuestion `nai siña un` li`e kau ume`ekuñgog i kandidatu. I kuestion "hafa", ahe` ti "manu".

■■■

Yangin dichu problema i ekonomia, haf` bidan niha i man-sabiun I Deni` para uma-adelanta linala` i publiku? Man-tinane` pot lai maprohiben matala` saramata` palao`an giya Garapan yan pot gayera. Dios mihu na chinagu` i tasin ekonomia yan i malalagnos siha na areglu ni man-tai bali.

■■■

Estague` `nai klaru na memegaiña ti kumomprende hafa areglun publiku. Dimas de u guaha areglu mas disareglu. Kasse lamayot patte ti makomprende haf` offisiun niha.

■■■

Ilegña si Magoo na hasañgane un` kandidatu, "Hanau a`chage a`puede a`suette". Dispues ha birague` ya ilegna mampos atrebisau si pindehu kume hatme ti fafayiña na offisiu.

■■■

Guaha na esta na`mamahlau `an ta pesa i kualidat kandidatu siha. I mas dañkulu na problema i kau makomprende na pot areglun linala` tautau i mafafana` fuera de mafattan baratu na kotbatan Sears Roebuck?

■■■

Gaige banida gi kumandidatu de hemunos kau ha lañgag satton i responsablidat mafotman areglon linahyan. Mauleg mabanidosuye `an listu hau deste edukasion kolehu yan ekspirensia gi professionat na eskaleran cho`chu`. `An taigue este i dos, kasse sumaunau hau gi tropa ni esta pa`gu tiha sosoda` i pettan santatte lau mafafana` ha` diariu.

Boko Haram chose its victims for a reason—to stop progress

By MALCOLM POTTS AND ALISHA GRAVES
LOS ANGELES TIMES

As despicable as Boko Haram's leader is, he gets something: Schooling girls can transform a culture

Millions of people around the world have tweeted in recent weeks using the hashtag #BringBackOurGirls. That's an important sentiment, and not just as it relates to the kidnapping of 276 female students by Boko Haram in northern Nigeria.

The region in which the abductions took place is reaching an ecological and social tipping point, and in the years to come, much will depend on its girls.

In a video released on May 4, Boko Haram's despicable leader, Abubakar Shekau, says: "Girls must give their hands in marriage because they are our slaves. We would marry them out at the age of 9. We would marry them out at the age of 12."

As despicable as Shekau is, he does understand something: The schooling of girls has the power to transform a culture, which makes it a threat to his kind of repressive fundamentalism. Like blowing up cellphone towers and power plants, kidnapping girls as they take their final exams is a strategy that makes sense if the goal is to stop progress.

If Boko Haram continues to kidnap girls with impunity, then it will be only rational for parents to go back to the age-old cultural tradition of marrying daughters as soon as they reach puberty. To send them to school would risk their being abducted, or worse.

Northern Nigeria is part of the Sahel, the dry southern border of the

Shekau

Sahara, which stretches from the Atlantic Ocean to the Red Sea. It is a region with the most rapid population growth on the planet, and it is among the areas most threatened by global warming.

In 1950 there were 30 million people in all of the Sahel. Today, there are 125 million. In 2050, the United Nations Population Division predicts, there will be 321 million. This unprecedented growth will occur as temperatures are rising by 3 to 5 degrees Fahrenheit. By the middle of this century, more people than currently live in the United States could be watching their crops wither and their livestock die in the Sahel. Already it is estimated that there are 20 million people who are food-insecure in the region, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification estimates that by 2020, as many as 60 million people could have migrated to North Africa and Europe from the Sahel, displaced by the encroaching desert.

In 2012, UC Berkeley hosted an international meeting to examine population, climate and the plight of women in the Sahel. There was agreement among those who gathered that addressing the unfolding humanitarian disaster in the region would require both building local capacity to adapt to climate change and advancing voluntary family planning. And above all, stakeholders and researchers agreed, there would need to be investments in girls' education. As long as the majority of girls received little education and married before 18, it was hard to imagine they would ever be equipped to participate in the region's rescue.

Young men can't be ignored either. The 9/11 Commission report made clear that "a large, steadily increasing population of young men, without any reasonable expectation of suitable or steady employment, (is) a sure prescription for social turbulence." Boko Haram illustrates that point. But creating greater opportunity for the region's residents will require a fully integrated approach, and we're not there yet.

The current U.N. humanitarian strategy for the Sahel notes that crop yields increased by a tiny 1 percent over the last five years while per capita food supplies fell by 13 percent "when adjusted for population growth." But the plan makes no mention of family planning and education activities that have been sorely underfunded. This must change.

History has taught us again and again that unchecked fanatics can bring immeasurable suffering. Even al-Qaida has disowned Boko Haram. For USAID, UNICEF and charities such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the unspeakable crime of capturing teenage girls and forcing them into marriage should be seen as a sort of Pearl Harbor: an urgent call to action. But in this case, sending troops would make the situation worse. Investing in family planning, agriculture and girls are the weapons that can defeat Boko Haram.

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Five ways to bridge the inequality gap

By ALVARO HUERTA
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The talk about income inequality is all the rage these days. Now it's time to do something about it.

As the rich have gotten much, much richer, the rest of us have fallen behind—especially Latinos.

"From 2005 to 2009, median household wealth (all assets minus all debt) among Latinos fell by 66 percent, compared with a drop of 53 percent among blacks and 16 percent among whites," according to a report by the Pew Research Center. And during a similar period, the poverty rate rose faster for Latinos (reaching 26.6 percent) than for any other group, the report noted.

Yet, you don't need to be a low-wage Latino worker or a Ph.D. in economics to let people know how earning $7.25 per hour in this country is not enough to purchase a home or rent an affordable apartment in a safe neighborhood, own a reliable vehicle with insurance, secure health insurance and purchase other goods.

How many homes must a Latina domestic worker clean, for instance, in order to purchase a laptop computer for her child?

How many front lawns must a Latino gardener mow to send his daughter to college?

This is not to imply that all Latinos toil in the informal or unregulated economy. Latinos, as a heterogeneous group, represent productive individuals in diverse occupational fields within the formal economy, such as the banking, construction, education, entertainment, legal, media, medical and real estate professions.

The point is that no one in the United States who works hard should be left by the wayside.

Here are five ways to bridge the inequality gap, not just for Latinos but for all underpaid ethnic groups and workers.

First, raise the minimum wage.

Second, produce more affordable housing.

Third, spend more on public education, K-12.

Fourth, make public universities tuition-free for all who qualify academically.

And, fifth, increase taxes on the wealth and income of the top 1 percent.

All residents deserve the right to secure their fair share of the elusive American Dream.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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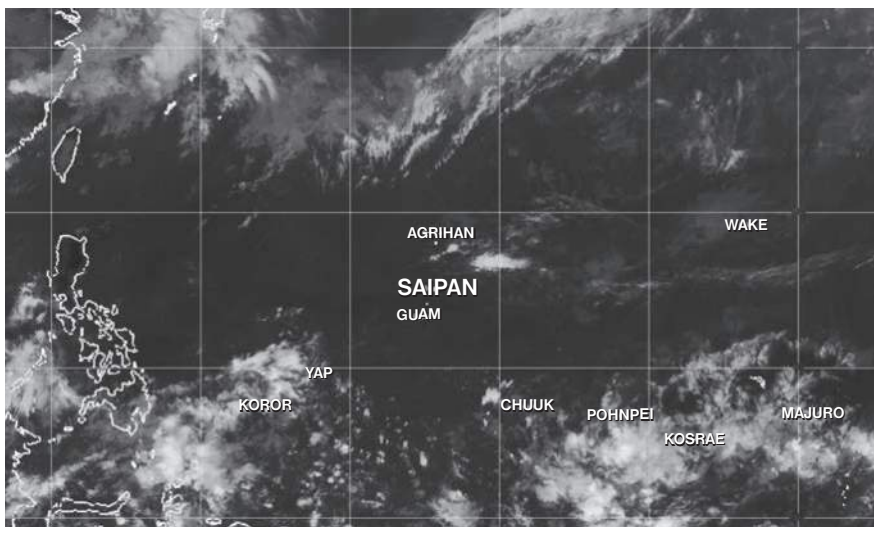
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲60	▼49
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼54
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼75
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼73
London	Sunny	▲71	▼50
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲99	▼70
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲95	▼80
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼57
Miami	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼74
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲72	▼63
Osaka	Sunny	▲74	▼54
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼47
Pusan	Sunny	▲71	▼56
Rome	Cloudy	▲70	▼52
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼50
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼54
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲76	▼50
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼57
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲83	▼65

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A dissipating shear line curves southwestward from 25N175E to 16143E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found mainly northeast of the Marianas along and up to 250 miles north of the shear line from 16N144E to 15N155E. A separate cluster of scattered showers is found just northwest of Wake Island along and up to 160 miles northwest of the shear line from 17N162E to 20N167E. Similar weather is occurring well northeast of Wake Island between 25N and 22N from 170E to 173E. A surface trough runs southward from 14N135E to 1N132E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located over Palau and Yap state between 11N and 1N from 130E to 139E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Pohnpei and mainly southeast of Chuuk between 6N and the equator from 152E to 161E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Kosrae and across the southern Marshall Islands within 140 miles of a line from 5N161E to 4N172E. Another trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Majuro between 8N and 3N from 172E to 179E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

2:55 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
8:10 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
3:16 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.4 Feet
10:02 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:49 AM	6:38 PM
Friday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM
Sunday	5:48 AM	6:39 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:40 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:08 PM	5:58 AM
Friday	8:07 PM	6:53 AM
Saturday	9:06 PM	7:51 AM
Sunday	10:03 PM	8:51 AM
Monday	10:57 PM	9:51 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	6:55pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA5038	7:45pm	8:35pm	2, 6
UA5078	8:10pm	9:00pm	3

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	5:35pm	6:10pm	2, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	6:40pm	7:15pm	2, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11: 05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5038	5:35pm	7:15pm	2, 6 via Rota
UA5077	6:50pm	7:40pm	3

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	6:55pm	7:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	8:00pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL172/288	7:45am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5039	9:55am	6:25pm	7 via Guam
UA190/5038	9:55am	7:15pm	6 via Rota-Guam
UA190/5077	9:55am	7:40pm	3 via Guam
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA184/5038	10:25pm	7:15pm+1	1 via Rota-Guam
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via Guam
UA184/5038	11:30pm	7:15pm+1	5 via Rota-Guam

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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Business

Drivers beware: Your air bag may not deploy

Here's an unsettling fact about cars equipped with air bags: They don't always deploy when drivers—or regulators—expect them to.

Thirteen people have died in crashes involving older GM cars with defective ignition switches. In each of those crashes, and in others in which occupants were injured, the air bags failed to deploy even after striking trees, guard rails or other objects.

Puzzled by these failures, federal safety regulators told Congress last month they believed the cars' air bags should have worked for up to 60 seconds after the engine stalled. But GM has since told The Associated Press that regulators were mistaken: The cars only had enough reserve power to sense a crash and deploy the air bags for 150 milliseconds after the switch malfunctioned and cut off the car's power.

General Motors is recalling 2.6 million small cars to fix the ignition switches. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is now scrambling to find out from other automakers and air bag suppliers how their air bags would function in similar situations.

Regulators, lawmakers and ordinary drivers are learning what auto engineers already know: These billowing white bags are actually very complex. After a crash, a car's computer determines, in 15 to 20 milliseconds, where it was hit, what position the occupants are in and whether the 150-mile-per-hour speed of the air bag would do more harm than good. Then it deploys—or doesn't. Every automaker programs them differently.

"It's very complicated, the logic behind it. It makes it very, very difficult for an automaker or supplier to explain why it did or didn't go off in a certain situation," said Joe Nolan, senior vice president for vehicle research at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, a group funded by the insurance industry that performs crash tests and other research.

If an occupant is unbelted or very small, or the car is traveling very slowly, the air bag may not deploy because it could cause even more severe injuries. Depending on the angle, the side air bags may deploy but not the front ones. If a car is parked and turned off when it's hit, the air bags won't work.

GM's switches created an unusual problem. Because of insufficient resistance, they moved from the "run" position into the "accessory" or "off" position while the car was moving, possibly due to a bump from the driver's knee or the weight of a key chain. With the switch in that position, the engine stalled and the power steering and power brakes stopped working, making the car harder to control. ***(AP)***

Report highlights child labor on US tobacco farms

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—You may have to be at least 18 to buy cigarettes in the U.S., but children as young as 7 are working long hours in fields harvesting nicotine- and pesticide-laced tobacco leaves under sometimes hazardous and sweltering conditions, according to a report released Wednesday by an international rights group.

The Human Rights Watch report details findings from interviews with more than 140 children working on farms in North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, where a majority of the country's tobacco is grown. The group acknowledges that most of what it documented is legal under U.S. law but aims to highlight the practice and urge both governments and tobacco companies to take further steps to protect children from the hazardous harvesting of the cash crop that has built businesses, funded cities and influenced cultures.

"The U.S. has failed America's families by not meaningfully protecting child farmworkers from dangers to their health and safety, including on tobacco farms," said Margaret Wurth, children's rights researcher and co-author of the report. "Farming is hard work anyway, but children working on tobacco farms get so sick that they throw up, get covered by pesticides and have no real protective gear."

Children interviewed by the group in 2012 and 2013 reported vomiting, nausea and headaches while working on tobacco farms. The symptoms they reported are consistent with nicotine poisoning often called Green Tobacco Sickness, which occurs when workers absorb nicotine through their skin while handling tobacco plants.

The children also said they worked long hours—often in extreme heat—without overtime pay or sufficient breaks and wore no, or inadequate, protective gear.

According to the report, U.S. agriculture labor laws allow children to work longer hours at younger ages and in more hazardous conditions than children in any other industry. With their parent's permission, children as young as 12 can be hired for unlimited hours outside of school hours on a farm of any size. And there's no minimum age for children to work on small farms.

In 2011, the Labor Department proposed changes that would have prohibited children under 16 from working on tobacco farms, but they were withdrawn in 2012.

European court: Google must yield on personal info

AMSTERDAM (AP)—Europe's highest court Tuesday gave people the means to scrub their reputations online, issuing a landmark ruling that experts say could force Google and other search engines to delete references to old debts, long-ago arrests and other unflattering episodes.

Embracing what has come to be called "the right to be forgotten," the Court of Justice of the European Union said people should have some say over what information comes up when someone Googles them.

The decision was celebrated by some as a victory for privacy rights in an age when just about everything—good or bad—leaves a permanent electronic trace. Others warned it could interfere with the celebrated free flow of information online and lead to censorship.

The ruling stemmed from a case out of Spain involving Google, but it applies to the entire 28-nation bloc of over 500 million people and all search engines in Europe, including Yahoo and Microsoft's Bing.

It has no immediate effect on the way Google and other search engines display their results in the U.S. or other countries outside Europe.

In its ruling, which cannot be appealed, the EU court said search engines must listen and sometimes comply when people ask for the removal of links to newspaper articles or other sites containing outdated or otherwise objectionable information about themselves. The court provided little guidance on exactly how to make such judgments.

Google Inc. has long maintained that people with such complaints should take it up with the websites that posted the material.

But persuading websites to drop material can be difficult and time-consuming. The EU ruling would presumably make it easier by putting the burden on search engines.

"This is a disappointing ruling for search engines and online publishers in general," the Mountain View, California, company said in a statement.

Though Europe is one of Google's biggest markets, the decision isn't expected to have much effect on the company's earnings. That's because it has no direct bearing on the online ads that Google places alongside its search results.

Nation

NYC defends use of Muslim police informants

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Police Department disbanded a unit that tracked the everyday lives of Muslims, but it has taken a tough stance in a heated legal battle over its continuing use of Muslim informants in terror threat investigations.

Muslim groups filed a civil rights lawsuit last year asking a federal judge to declare the surveillance unconstitutional and halt it.

City lawyers struck back by suggesting the plaintiffs brought the attention on themselves with "rhetoric or their known, suspected or rumored associations with people or organizations of ill repute." The city then demanded any communications by the plaintiffs—including two Brooklyn mosques, an imam and a Muslim charity—that mention terrorism, jihad or the war in Afghanistan as well as financial records from the mosques and the charity, including names of donors.

The plaintiffs say the city is unjustly seeking private information. Disclosure of records from the mosque and the charity "would further alienate and chill congregants, members, donors and donees ... and thereby infringe on plaintiffs' right to free exercise, free speech and associational privacy," their lawyers wrote in court papers in late March.

The court fight is reinforcing skepticism about pledges by Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio and NYPD officials to be more sensitive than the previous administration to concerns about surveillance.

AP

In this Aug. 28, 2013, file photo, a group of people protest the New York Police Department's program of infiltrating and informing on Muslim communities during a rally near police headquarters in New York.

Last month, the nation's largest police department announced it had disbanded the Demographics Unit, a team of detectives assigned to create databases on where Muslims lived, shopped, worked and prayed. Civil rights advocates, however, noted that the department wasn't committing to abandoning a practice adopted after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks of using Muslim informants to try to detect and thwart terror threats.

Consumers losing doctors with new insurance plans

MIAMI (AP)—The first thing Michelle Pool did before picking a plan under President Barack Obama's health insurance law was check whether her longtime primary care doctor was covered. Pool, a 60-year-old diabetic who has had back surgery and a hip replacement, purchased the plan only to find that the insurer was mistaken.

Pool's $352 a month gold plan through Covered California's exchange was cheaper than what she'd paid under her husband's insurance and seemed like a good deal because of her numerous pre-existing conditions. But after her insurance card came in the mail, the Vista, California resident learned her doctor wasn't taking her new insurance.

"It's not fun when you've had a doctor for years and years that you can confide in and he knows you," Pool said. "I'm extremely discouraged. I'm stuck."

Stories like Pool's are emerging as more consumers realize they bought plans with limited doctor and hospital networks, some after websites that mistakenly said their doctors were included.

Before the law took effect, experts warned that narrow networks could impact patient's access to care, especially in cheaper plans. But with insurance cards now in hand, consumers are finding their access limited across all price ranges.

The dilemma undercuts President Obama's 2009 pledge that: "If you like your doctor, you will be able to keep your doctor, period." Consumer frustration over losing doctors comes as the Obama administration is still celebrating a victory with more than 8 million enrollees in its first year.

Narrow networks are part of the economic trade-off for keeping premiums under control and preventing insurers from turning away those with pre-existing conditions. Even before the Affordable Care Act, doctors and hospitals would choose to leave a network—or be pushed out—over reimbursement issues as insurers tried to contain costs.

ACROSS THE NATION

Court halts execution over mental impairment claim

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP)—A federal appeals court halted a convicted Texas killer's scheduled execution Tuesday so his attorneys can pursue appeals arguing he's mentally impaired and ineligible for the death penalty. Robert James Campbell, 41, would have been the first U.S. inmate executed since a botched execution in Oklahoma two weeks ago. He had two separate appeals, one claiming mental impairment and another that challenged the state's plan to use a drug for which it will not reveal the source, as was the case with drugs used in Oklahoma. "I am happy. The Lord prevailed," Campbell said from a cell just outside the death chamber in Huntsville before being returned to death row at a prison about 45 miles to the east.

Nevada school shooter left 2 suicide notes

SPARKS, Nev. (AP)—A Nevada seventh-grader who went on a deadly schoolyard shooting rampage had images of the Columbine gunmen on his cellphone and told a therapist three days before the October attack that classmates were teasing him, authorities said Tuesday. But Jose Reyes, 12, gave contradictory accounts in two suicide notes about whether he was acting out of revenge when he opened fire at Sparks Middle School, killing a teacher and wounding two boys before turning the gun on himself, Sparks Police Chief Brian Allen said. Allen released a 1,300-page report detailing the investigation into the shooting. He also announced at a news conference that no charges will be brought against the parents of the boy, who brought the semi-automatic handgun from home.

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Factories torched in anti-China protest in Vietnam

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Vietnamese protesters hold banners during a protest rally against China outside the Chinese Consulate in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Saturday, May 10, 2014.

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Anti-China mobs torched up to 15 foreign-owned factories and trashed many more in southern Vietnam amid rising anger over China's recent installment of an oil rig in disputed Southeast Asian waters, officials and state media said Wednesday.

The unrest at industrial parks established to attract foreign investors was the most serious outbreak of public disorder in the tightly controlled country in years. It points to the dangers for the government as it manages public anger at China and also protests itself against the Chinese actions in a part of the South China Sea it claims as its own.

The unrest late Tuesday at a Singapore-run industrial park and others nearby followed protests by up to 20,000 workers at the complexes in Binh Duong province. Smaller groups attacked factories they believed were Chinese-run, but some were Taiwanese or South Korean, VnExpress website quoted Tran Van Nam, the deputy head of the province's people's committee, as saying.

On Wednesday morning, groups of men on motorbikes remained on the streets and all the factories in the area were closed, said one park manager, who declined to give his name because of sensitivities of the developments. Riot police had been stationed around the area.

Another said many foreign-owned factories were putting banners on the gates of the factories saying, "We love Vietnam" and "Hoang Sa, Truong Sa—Vietnam," using Vietnamese terms for the Paracels and Spratlys Islands, island chains claimed by both Vietnam and China.

Nam said the protests Tuesday were initially peaceful but were hijacked by "extremists" who incited people to break into the factories. He said at least 15 factories were set alight and "hundreds" more vandalized or looted, while some security guards and unidentified "foreign experts" were assaulted.

Manila accuses China govt of reclaiming land in disputed sea

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines has protested China's efforts to reclaim land in a disputed reef in the South China Sea that can be used to build any facility, including an airstrip or an offshore military base in the increasingly volatile region, the country's top diplomat and other officials said Wednesday.

Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario told The Associated Press that the Philippines lodged the protest against China last month after surveillance aircraft confirmed, and took pictures of the reclamation and dredging being done by Chinese vessels at the Johnson Reef in the Spratly Islands, which Manila says violates a regional non-aggression pact.

China has replied to the Philippine protest by saying that the reef belonged to it, he said.

Del Rosario said it's not clear what China would build on the reef, which Manila claims as part of its western province of Palawan, but one possibility is an airstrip. Another official says China can also build an offshore military base.

"We're not exactly sure what are their intentions there," Del Rosario said.

Another senior government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk about the issue, said China's reclamation was first detected by air force planes six months ago.

ASIAN BRIEFS

100 more Filipino suspects linked to sex blackmail

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—About 100 more Filipino suspects are linked to online blackmail syndicates that extorted money from victims worldwide after luring them into exposing themselves in front of webcams or engaging in lewd chats, a Philippine police official said Tuesday. Authorities arrested 58 suspects in Manila and three outlying regions two weeks ago in a crackdown backed by Interpol and police from four countries, including the United States. The suspects were traced through online chats from victims' computers. Senior Superintendent Gilbert Sosa of the police's Anti-Cybercrime Group said an investigation has linked 100 more suspects to the syndicates, including some who received a share of money extorted from victims. The additional suspects will be arrested and charged if evidence clearly shows their involvement, he said.

Thai protest leader renews govt ouster call

BANGKOK (AP)—The leader of Thailand's anti-government movement pushed Tuesday for the appointment of an unelected prime minister in a news conference televised from the government's compound, which protesters have seized. Suthep Thaugsuban urged the Senate to name a new prime minister, arguing that the caretaker leader, Niwattumrong Boonsongpaisan, has no legitimacy. Niwattumrong was selected by the Cabinet last week after the Constitutional Court removed Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra for nepotism in a ruling that many viewed as politically motivated. The government wants elections planned for July to go ahead, but Suthep insists that an unelected prime minister must implement political reforms first.

World

6 soldiers killed in Ukraine; Germany pushes peace

KIEV, Ukraine (AP)—An insurgent ambush killed six soldiers Tuesday in eastern Ukraine as Germany moved to jumpstart a possible plan toward peace that includes launching a dialogue on decentralizing the government in Kiev.

Ukraine's leadership appeared cool to the plan and U.S. officials view its prospects for success skeptically. But some analysts say Russian President Vladimir Putin is more likely to accept a deal that doesn't come from Washington

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier is in Ukraine to try to broker a quick launch of talks between the central government and pro-Russia separatists. That would be a first step in implementing a "road map" drawn up by the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe aimed at settling the crisis.

The OSCE is a trans-Atlantic security and rights group that includes Russia and the U.S., whose sparring over each other's role in Ukraine sometimes overshadows events on the ground.

Speaking in Brussels, acting Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk thanked the OSCE for its plan but said Ukraine has drawn up its own "road map" for ending the crisis and noted the people of his country should settle the issue themselves.

A settlement has been elusive, as insurgents in eastern Ukraine seize police stations and government buildings. Two regions in the east have declared themselves independent after a weekend referendum, and one of them, Donetsk, has appealed for annexation by Russia.

Ukrainian forces have mounted an offensive to try to put down the armed insurgents. On Tuesday, the Defense Ministry said six soldiers were killed by insurgents who ambushed a convoy. The separatist leader in Luhansk, one of the regions that declared independence, was shot and wounded, insurgents said.

The U.S. and Western European countries accuse Russia of fomenting the unrest, with the goal of destabilizing the country or seeking a pretext to invade and seize eastern regions, which are largely Russian-speaking and the heartland of Ukrainian industry.

Russia in turn denounces Ukraine's caretaker government, which took power after pro-Russia president Viktor Yanukovych was ousted in February following months of large protests. Moscow calls it a nationalist junta encouraged by Washington.

Western countries have slapped an array of sanctions on Russia both for its alleged role in the east and for its annexation of Crimea, the Black Sea peninsula that voted to split from Ukraine in March.

With the tensions high between Washington and Moscow, Steinmeier may be a more effective interlocutor. A senior official in the U.S. administration told The Associated Press that the U.S. had been coordinating with Germany and encouraging its leadership for a diplomatic path in Ukraine. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of not being authorized to discuss the Ukraine crisis in public.

Putin "is far more likely to bow to pressure if it's going to come from (German Chancellor) Angela Merkel than Barack Obama," said Michael Geary of the Institute for European Global Studies at Switzerland's University of Basel.

The OSCE plan, by encouraging discussion of decentralizing the government, suggests that the West sees Russia as having the upper hand. Moscow has pushed for the "federalization" of Ukraine—giving the regions more powers.

Keir Giles, a military analyst at the Chatham House think-tank in London, said that what Moscow wants is for "Russia-backed separatists to have a voice in drafting a new constitution for Ukraine, which essentially means Russia dictating what the constitution should include."

Nigeria opens door for talks with kidnappers

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP)—U.S. reconnaissance aircraft flew over Nigeria in search of the nearly 300 kidnapped schoolgirls Tuesday, a day after the Boko Haram militant group released the first evidence that at least some of them are still alive and demanded that jailed fighters be swapped for their freedom.

A Nigerian government official said "all options" were open—including negotiations or a possible military operation with foreign help—in the effort to free the girls, who were shown fearful and huddled together dressed in gray Islamic veils as they sang Quranic verses under the guns of their captors in a video released Monday.

The footage was verified as authentic by Nigerian authorities, who said 54 of the girls had been identified by relatives, teachers and classmates who watched the video late Tuesday.

The abduction has spurred a global movement to secure the girls' release amid fears they would be sold into slavery, married off to fighters or worse following a series of threats by Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau.

Protesters marched through the streets of the capital, Abuja, Tuesday to demand more government action to find and free the girls, who are believed to be held in the vast Sambisi forest some 20 miles (30 kilometers) from the eastern town of Chibok, where they were seized from their school on April 15.

A U.S. reconnaisance mission was being carried out by a manned MC-12 surveillance aircraft, which is based in Niger, according to senior U.S. defense officials in Washington. In addition to the turboprop model which has seen heavy use in Afghanistan, U.S. officials were also considering the use of drones.

Gen. David Rodriguez, head of U.S. Africa Command, was in Abuja on Tuesday meeting with officials at the U.S. Embassy, according to the defense officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

The Nigerian military said in a statement that Rodriguez visited Nigeria's defense headquarters to discuss U.S. support for Nigeria's campaign against the Boko Haram militants, who have killed more than 1,500 people this year in a campaign of bombings, massacres and kidnappings.

Nigeria's government initially said there would be no negotiations with Boko Haram, but that stance appeared to have been relaxed amid growing public outrage at home and abroad over the failure to rescue the girls.

Mike Omeri, the director of the government's information agency, said all options were being considered, including the possibility of a military operation with foreign help.

"At the moment, because all options are open, we are interacting with experts, military and intelligence experts from other parts of the world," he said late Monday. "These are part of the options that are available to us, and many more."

In a statement late Tuesday, authorities in Borno state said that 54 girls in the video had been identified by relatives and friends, including four of some 50 students who managed to escape their captors. At least 276 girls are still missing.

"Fifty-four of the girls in the video have been identified by their names in an exercise that involved some parents of the girls, fellow students, some teachers, security men and some officials of the Borno state government," said Isa Umar Gusau, a spokesman for the Borno state governor.

Focus

Pedophile teacher abused dozens as clues missed

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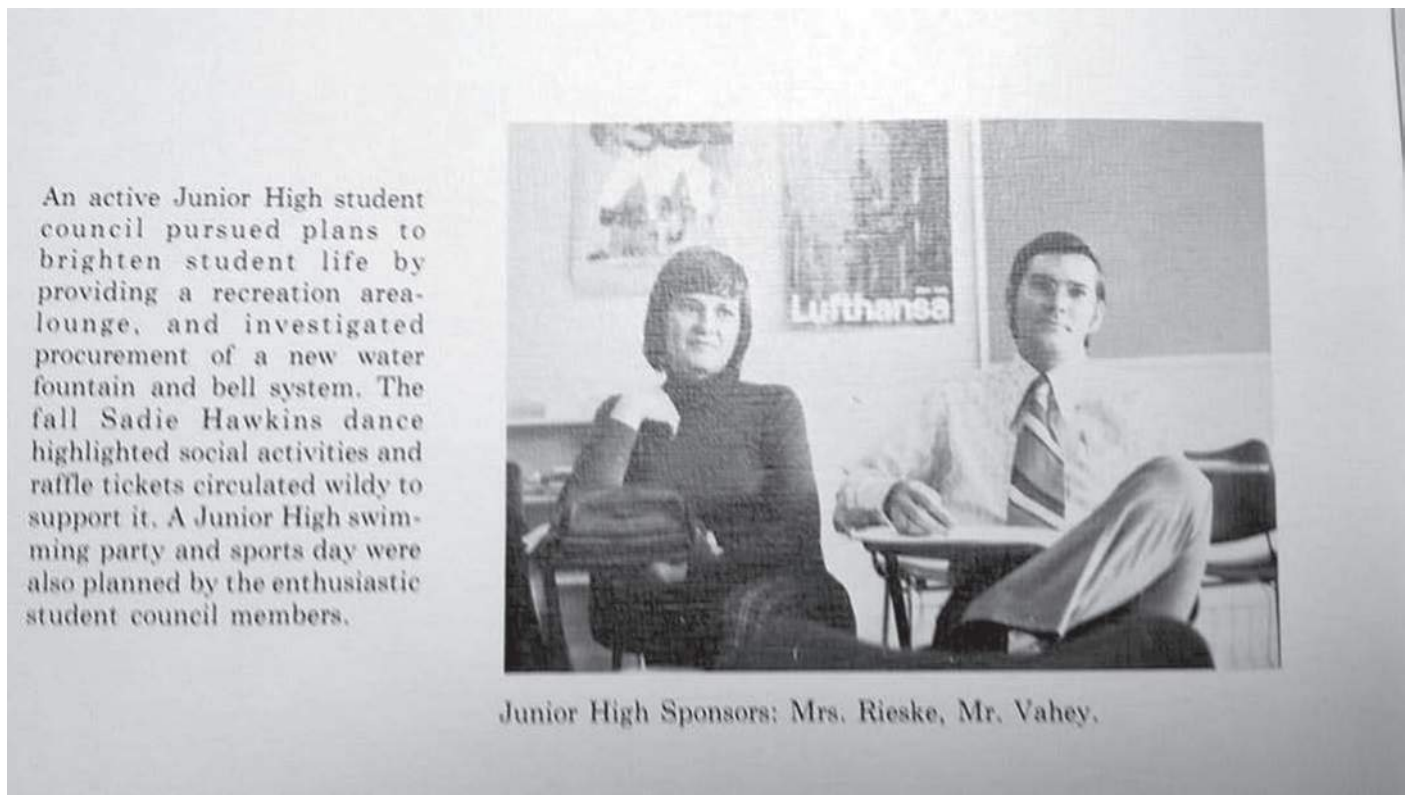
An active Junior High student council pursued plans to brighten student life by providing a recreation area-lounge, and investigated procurement of a new water fountain and bell system. The fall Sadie Hawkins dance highlighted social activities and raffle tickets circulated wildy to support it. A Junior High swimming party and sports day were also planned by the enthusiastic student council members.
Junior High Sponsors: Mrs. Rieske, Mr. Vahey.
Lufthansa

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This photo provided by former Tehran American School student Mark Turnage shows part of a page about student organizations in the school's 1973 yearbook with a photo of William James Vahey, right, who taught at the school from 1972-1973.

He was one of the most beloved teachers in the small world of international schools that serve the children of diplomats, well-off American expatriates and local elites. He was often the first to arrive in the morning, and the last to leave each day. He led students on class trips to exotic places, treating them to cookies and milk at bedtime.

That was the public persona of William Vahey, carefully crafted over four decades until a maid cleaning his home in Nicaragua stole a 16-gigabyte memory drive. There, in photograph after photograph, was evidence that the model teacher had molested scores of adolescent boys, possibly more, in a career spanning 10 schools on four continents.

The discovery of a man the FBI regards as one of the most prolific pedophiles in memory has set off a crisis in the close-knit community of international schools, where horrified parents are being told their children may have been victims of a favorite teacher, and administrators are scurrying to close teacher-vetting loopholes revealed by Vahey's abuses.

"With the sheer volume, the sheer number of incidents in which this man molested, it surprises me that somehow this was not picked up by someone," said John Magagna, the founding director of Search Associates, the world's largest international school recruiting firm. "I don't know what went wrong."

Apparently not even Vahey's victims knew they had been molested. The double-cream Oreos that he handed out at bedtime on the overnight trips were laced with sleeping pills —enough to leave the boys unconscious as he touched them, and posed them for lewd photographs.

Vahey, a 64-year-old native of West Point, New York, attempted suicide in Nicaragua after his maid stole the drive. He survived, but killed himself on a second try, stabbing himself to death in Minnesota on March 21 and leaving hundreds of former students wondering if they were abused.

The agonized father of a student in Caracas, Venezuela, said his son, like many others, would rather not find out, but the boy cannot forget one fact. "He ate the cookies, too," said the father, who spoke on condition of anonymity to protect his son's identity. "Everyone on those trips did."

There were decades of missed opportunities to expose Vahey. An early California sex-abuse conviction didn't prevent him taking a series of jobs working with children. Colleagues and supervisors failed to question why he was so often with boys overnight. And at least twice, boys fell mysteriously ill while under his care and there was no investigation into Vahey's role.

In 1969, Vahey, the son of a decorated World War II pilot, was arrested on child sexual abuse charges after police said he pinched the penises of eight boys, ages 7 to 9, at an Orange County high school where he gave swimming lessons.

Vahey, then 20, told authorities he had started touching boys without their consent at age 14, when he fondled a sleeping teen on a Boy Scout camping trip. He said he touched the genitals or anuses of sleeping boys four more times before the arrest.

The psychiatrist diagnosed Vahey with an "inadequate personality," but added that the disorder did not predispose him to sexual offenses dangerous to others. The court even allowed Vahey to start work as a public school teacher's aide after his arrest.

Vahey pleaded guilty to a single charge of lewd and lascivious behavior. He received a 90-day jail sentence and five years' probation, with a condition that he should be supervised in the company of males younger than 16 during that time. After two years on probation, he was allowed to leave the country unsupervised following college graduation in 1972.

Such leniency was common at the time, said Dan Scott, a retired detective sergeant who worked for 26 years with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department office that investigates child abuse. "Nobody went after sex offenders."

Vahey was required to register as a sex offender and update his address whenever he moved, but he never updated his information after the first time he registered and authorities didn't pursue the matter. When the state registry was put online in 2004, his name wasn't included because authorities discovered he was no longer living in California.

Vahey began his international teaching career with a year at the American School in Tehran in the run-up to Iran's oil boom, the first in a series of stays around the Middle East and Europe. He taught history, social studies and related subjects in Lebanon, Spain, Iran again, Greece and then Saudi Arabia, almost always to middle school students.

By the time he arrived in Saudi Arabia, Vahey was married and had two sons with Jean Vahey, a woman who became a widely respected administrator in international education. He taught eighth- and ninth-grade social studies, coached boys' basketball and led school trips to Bahrain, Turkey and Africa.

Halfway through his 12-year stay in Saudi Arabia, he received a principal's certificate in New Jersey. It was March 1986, seven months before a law took effect requiring all new teachers and administrators to undergo background checks. New Jersey Education Department spokesman Mike Yaple said there is no record of Vahey undergoing a check before he got the certificate.

In Saudi Arabia, Vahey displayed an openness and concern for children that people would remark upon for the rest of his career, said Max Crum, a 38-year-old former student.

"When you're a kid, and you have teachers who are stern and mean, you kind of fear them. He wasn't that at all," Crum said.

By 1992, Vahey and his wife moved to the prestigious Jakarta International School in Indonesia, where he again taught social studies, coached basketball and developed a reputation for leading fun overnight trips for students.

"All the kids seemed to really, really like him," said Will Julius, a 21-year-old alumnus and son of a former longtime International School teacher.

After 10 years the Vaheys moved to Escuela Campo Alegre in Venezuela, where Jean became superintendent and the man known to all as Bill took a teaching job at the sprawling hillside campus over-

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Glance at pedophile teacher's career

A look at the career of teacher William Vahey, regarded by the FBI as one of the most prolific pedophiles in memory:

■ **August 1969:** Arrested for allegedly molesting eight boys, ages 7 through 9, while teaching beginner's swim class at high school pool in Westminster, California.

■ **September 1969:** Starts job as teacher's aide at Long Beach Unified School District with court's knowledge and without informing school officials of charges.

■ **January 1970:** Pleads guilty to one felony count of lewd and lascivious acts and sentenced to 90 days in jail plus five years' probation that requires he not be near boys under age 16 without supervision. Registers as sex offender. When registry is put online in 2004, Vahey isn't included because authorities discover he is no longer living in California.

■ **January 1972:** Allowed to leave California to work in Iran and finish probation unsupervised, starting on international stint that will take him to 10 schools on four continents teaching history, social studies and related subjects, almost always to middle school students.

■ **1972-1973:** Tehran American School in Iran.

■ **1973-1975:** American Community School of Beirut in Lebanon.

■ **1975-1976:** American School of Madrid in Spain.

■ **1976-1978:** Passargad School in Ahwaz, Iran.

■ **1978-1980:** American Community School in Athens, Greece.

■ **1980-1992:** Saudi Aramco Schools in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

■ **March 1986:** Receives principal's certificate in New Jersey seven months before law takes effect requiring all new teachers and administrators to undergo background checks. There is no record of him undergoing check.

■ **1992-2002:** Jakarta International Schools in Indonesia.

■ **2002-2009:** Escuela Campo Alegre in Caracas, Venezuela.

■ **2009-2013:** Southbank International School in London.

■ **August 2013-March 2014:** American Nicaragua School in Pista Suburbana, Managua.

■ **November 2013:** Maid fired for stealing USB drive from Vahey's residence.

■ **March 2014:** Maid gives director of American Nicaragua School the USB drive, which has folders marked with trip names and photos of unconscious boys ages 12 to 14 being fondled or posed in sexual positions. School director demands Vahey's resignation. Vahey travels to Luverne, Minnesota, where his family resides and fatally stabs himself at a hotel.

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This combination of photos provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation shows William James Vahey in 1986, 1995, 2004 and 2013.

Hundreds contact FBI about pedophile teacher case

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In this Wednesday, May 7, 2014 photo, a security guard is reflected in a car mirror in front of the house where U.S. citizen William James Vahey lived, near the American Nicaraguan School in Managua, Nicaragua where he worked as teacher from 2013-2014.

The number of possible victims of a teacher suspected of drugging and molesting boys during a four-decade career at nearly a dozen schools around the world has risen sharply, with the FBI saying hundreds of people have contacted it about the case.

Calling William Vahey one of the most prolific pedophiles in memory, the FBI had said that the teacher molested at least 90 boys whose photos were found on a memory drive stolen by his maid in Nicaragua.

But that figure appeared low after Special Agent Shauna Dunlap said Tuesday that the bureau has now "been contacted by several hundred individuals from around the globe wishing either to reach out as potential victims or provide information in the ongoing investigation."

Dunlap said officials wanted as many people as possible to call or contact the FBI through its website in order to receive counseling and provide information about Vahey, who killed himself at age 64 after the evidence of molestation emerged.

Vahey taught at 10 schools on four continents and was one of the most beloved teachers in the world of international schools that serve the children of diplomats, well-off Americans and local elites. His case has rattled the community of international schools, where parents are being told their children may have been victims, and administrators are scurrying to close loopholes exposed by Vahey's abuses.

Apparently, not even Vahey's victims knew they had been molested. The double-cream Oreos that he handed out at bedtime on school trips were laced with sleeping pills—enough to leave the boys unconscious as he touched them and posed them for nude photographs.

Although Vahey, then 20, pleaded guilty in 1969 to a single charge of lewd and lascivious behavior, after admitting to pinching the penises of eight young boys at a California high school where he taught swimming, it didn't keep him from embarking on a series of teaching jobs that put him in close contact with children.

He began his international teaching career at the American School in Tehran, the first in a series of stays around the Middle East, Europe and Asia. He taught history, social studies and related subjects in Lebanon, Spain, Iran, Greece, Indonesia and Saudi Arabia, almost always to middle school students. He also coached basketball and led school trips.

Authorities may have missed a warning sign during a later teaching stint in Venezuela: Two students under Vahey's care were rushed to a hospital after falling unconscious in their hotel room on a trip, parents and staff said. Officials were unable to determine why and chalked it up to a possible failing air conditioner.

Seven years later, Vahey and his wife went to work at the Westminster campus of London's Southbank International School, with about 350 pupils from 70 countries. Police say at least 60 of the 90 or so children in the images on the USB drive stolen by the maid were from that school.

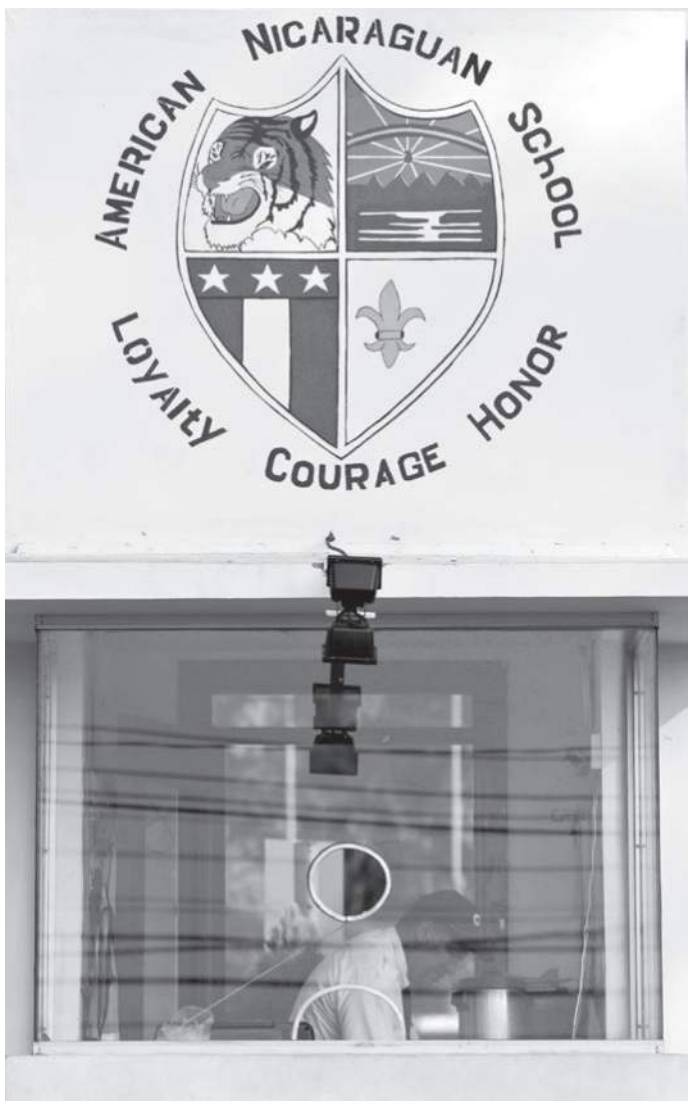
Southbank's chair of governors, Chris Woodhead, told Britain's Press Association there had been one complaint against Vahey, but, "The boy's parents agreed that there was nothing untoward and the matter shouldn't be pursued."

In early March, the maid who stole the memory drive handed it to American Nicaraguan school director Gloria Doll, who found it contained photos of unconscious boys, many between ages 12 and 14, often being touched by Vahey.

Doll confronted Vahey, who told her, according to an FBI affidavit, that he had given the boys sleeping pills, adding: "I was molested as a boy, that is why I do this. I have been doing this my whole life."

Doll demanded Vahey's resignation, according to the affidavit, and notified authorities at the U.S. Embassy the next day, U.S. officials said. Embassy officials immediately notified Nicaraguan police, but Vahey had already flown out of the country.

He traveled to Luverne, Minnesota, where relatives live. He checked into a hotel and stabbed himself in the chest with a knife, leaving a note apologizing to his family.



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In this Wednesday, May 7, 2014 photo, a security guard mans his post at the entrance of the American Nicaraguan School in Managua, Nicaragua where U.S. citizen William James Vahey worked as teacher.

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looking the capital, Caracas.

All new hires were required to provide a police record from either their home of record or their last country of assignment, if they had been there for more than five years. Vahey presented one from Indonesia with no history of problems.

Again in Venezuela, the popular teacher and family man took students on trips

Authorities may have missed a warning sign when two students under Vahey's care were rushed to a hospital after falling unconscious in their hotel room during a trip to a basketball game, parents and staff said. A toxicity test came back negative, so the school sent security officials to investigate. They were unable to determine a cause and chalked the incident up to a possible failing air conditioning unit. Vahey was not investigated.

Vahey also privately organized outings like a week-long annual trip to Costa Rica for some 20 to 25 students, parents and staff said.

Superintendent Gregory Hedger said that when he arrived he was surprised to learn such excursions were allowed. He put an immediate stop to trips not sponsored by the school and without parent chaperones.

Seven years later, the Vaheys went to work at the Westminster campus of London's Southbank International School, which has about 350 pupils from 70 countries. Vahey was subjected to two criminal background checks in the United Kingdom, where he hadn't lived before.

After a year, Vahey founded the "Travel Club," according to a 2012 article in Focus, a magazine for expatriates in London. The school's website describes a 13-day trip to Nepal in 2012 that included a trek in the Himalayas, white-water rafting and an elephant safari. In 2013, the spring break trip by students in grades six to nine was to Panama.

Southbank's chair of governors, Chris Woodhead, told Britain's Press Association there had been one complaint against Vahey. A boy on a trip felt sick, Woodhead said, and Vahey took the child into his room, apparently "to look after him."

"A few months later a teacher heard gossiping on a minibus and the incident was investigated," Woodhead said. "The boy's parents agreed that there was nothing untoward and the matter shouldn't be pursued."

When Vahey went on to the American Nicaraguan School with glowing references, his wife stayed in London.

In Nicaragua, Vahey taught ninth-grade world history and advanced geography in such an exciting way that students asked why other teachers couldn't do the same. He drew little notice from his neighbors until days before Thanksgiving.

That weekend, after Vahey's maid was fired for stealing, he stopped leaving the house, said Rafael, a caretaker who declined to give his last name because of the sensitivity of the topic. All Sunday, the house was dark. On Monday, school employees who let themselves in with a master key found Vahey motionless in his bed.

Two groups of emergency officials declared him dead and called the coroner. The school's director, Gloria Doll, sent teachers and parents a message saying Vahey "will be greatly missed, as he has truly been an integral part of our community."

But as a black body bag was being unloaded, Rafael said, a police officer or paramedic let out a shout. Vahey was alive.

A doctor at the hospital where he was taken said he had a weak pulse and high levels of blood toxins, but could go home after two days. The doctor spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter.

"All we know is that he is still with us, and that is wonderful, miraculous news," Doll wrote to the school later that day.

Vahey told colleagues he had been bitten by a poisonous spider. In early December, he sent a mass email message to the school, declaring that "it is with a sense of awe, wonder and joy that I find myself writing to you. The last week has been quite the adventure, and I am fortunate to say I am doing much better."

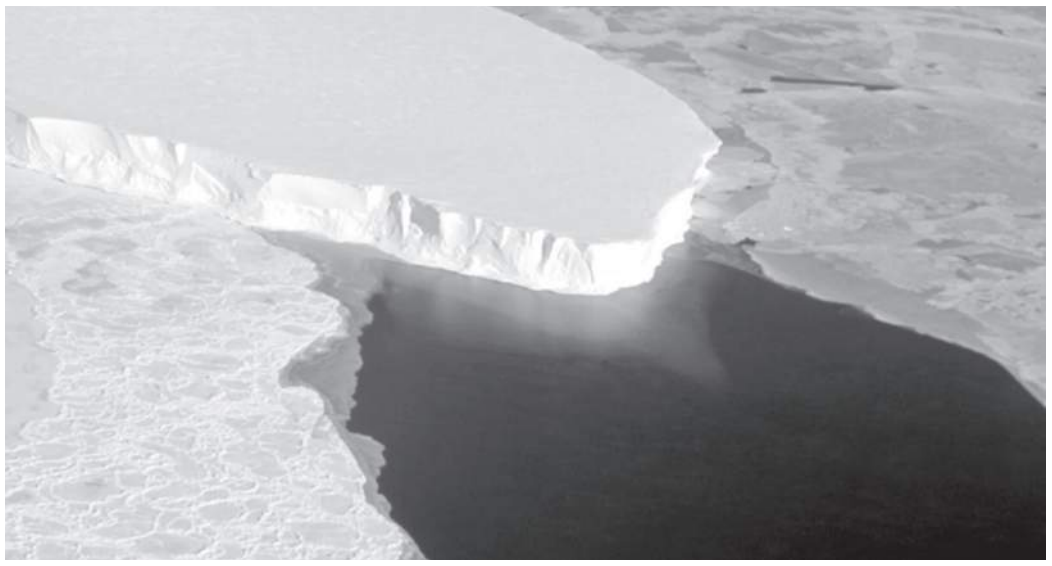
He was headed to Atlanta for medical tests, Vahey wrote. "Get ready for an exciting second semester as I look forward to my return to the school in January."

In early March, the maid reappeared and handed the USB drive to Doll, saying she should take a look. Its folders were marked with the names and dates of school trips dating to 2008: "Panama Trip," "Costa Rica Trip," "Basketball Trip" and "Spring 2013."

Doll clicked on the last folder, where she found photos of unconscious boys, many blonde or redheaded and between the ages of 12 and 14. Some had their pants off, with a man's hand touching their testicles or anus. Other boys were posed together in positions suggesting oral sex.

Environment

NASA spots worrisome Antarctic ice sheet melt



This undated handout photo provided by NASA shows the Thwaites Glacier in West Antarctic. AP

WASHINGTON (AP)—The huge West Antarctic ice sheet is starting a glacially slow collapse in an unstoppable way, two new studies show. Alarmed scientists say that means even more sea level rise than they figured.

The worrisome outcomes won't be seen soon. Scientists are talking hundreds of years, but over that time the melt that has started could eventually add 4 to 12 feet to current sea levels.

A NASA study looking at 40 years of ground, airplane and satellite data of what researchers call "the weak underbelly of West Antarctica" shows the melt is happening faster than scientists had predicted, crossing a critical threshold that has begun a domino-like process.

"It does seem to be happening quickly," said University of Washington glaciologist Ian Joughin, lead author of one study. "We really are witnessing the beginning stages."

It's likely because of man-made global warming and the ozone hole which have changed the Antarctic winds and warmed the water that eats away at the feet of the ice, researchers said at a NASA news conference Monday.

"The system is in sort of a chain reaction that is unstoppable," said NASA glaciologist Eric Rignot, chief author of the NASA study in the journal Geophysical Research Letters. "Every process in this reaction is feeding the next one."

Curbing emissions from fossil fuels to slow climate change will probably not halt the melting but it could slow the speed of the problem, Rignot said.

Rignot, who also is a scientist at the University of California Irvine, and other scientists said the "grounding line" which could be considered a dam that stops glacier retreat has essentially been breached. The only thing that could stop the retreat in this low-altitude region is a mountain or hill and there is none. Another way to think of it is like wine flowing from a horizontal uncorked bottle, he said.

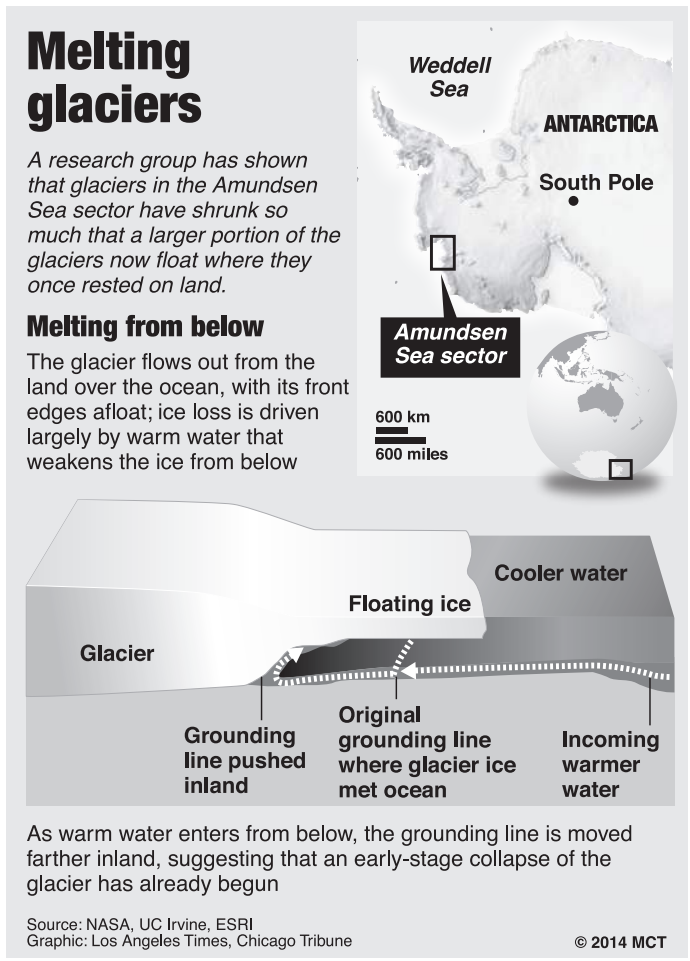
Rignot looked at six glaciers in the region with special concentration on the Thwaites glacier, about the size of New Mexico and Arizona combined. Thwaites is so connected to the other glaciers that it helps trigger loss elsewhere, said Joughin, whose study was released Monday by the journal Science.

Joughin's study uses computer simulations and concludes "the early-stage collapse has begun." Rignot, who used data that showed a speed up of melt since the 1990s, said the word "collapse" may imply too fast a loss, it would be more the start of a slow-motion collapse and "we can't stop it."

Several outside experts in Antarctica praised the work and said they too were worried.

"It's bad news. It's a game changer," said Ted Scambos, lead scientist at the National Snow and Ice Data Center, who wasn't part of either study. "We thought we had a while to wait and see. We've started down a process that we always said was the biggest worry and biggest risk from West Antarctica."

The Rignot study sees eventually 4 feet (1.2 meters) of sea level rise from the melt. But it could trigger neighboring ice sheet loss that could mean a total of 10 to 12 feet of sea level rise, the study in Science said, and Rignot agreed.


Melting glaciers
A research group has shown that glaciers in the Amundsen Sea sector have shrunk so much that a larger portion of the glaciers now float where they once rested on land.
Melting from below
The glacier flows out from the land over the ocean, with its front edges afloat; ice loss is driven largely by warm water that weakens the ice from below
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Original grounding line where glacier ice met ocean
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Incoming warmer water
As warm water enters from below, the grounding line is moved farther inland, suggesting that an early-stage collapse of the glacier has already begun
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In Celebration of her new life

† *Ana Igibara Castro Javier*

July 17, 1946 – May 09, 2014

In her new life, she now joins her:
Husband: †**Norberto Santos Javier, Sr.**
Son: †Richard Edward
Daughter: †Tina Marie Castro Blanco
Parents: †Juan Cabrera DeCastro and †Esperansa Pangelinan Igibara Castro

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her children, grandchildren and families:
†**Tina Marie** (Ricardo, Jr., Clarissa Ann, and Andrew Steven)
Norbert Michael (Amy Faith)
Maria Christina (Zhyanne, Bert)
Rosaline and Edgardo (Alexandra Renee, Edgardo, Jr.)
Reynaldo and Florence (Ryan, Reyna, Reynaldo, Jr.)
Zenaida and Raymond (Andrea Hope and Nathaniel)
Joseph and Janelle (Tristan, Anber, Joseph, Jr., Audrey, Ethan, Isabelle)
Jeffrey and Maureen (Jerel, Natalia Ann, †Jordain Norberto, Jeffrey, Jr., Alexander)

Siblings:
†**Gregorio I.** and Susana T. Castro
†**Herman I.** and Maria S. Castro
†**Vicente I.** and Theresa B. Castro
Marcelino I. Castro
Candido I. and Veminda Castro
Vicenta C. and Gary Wambolt
Dolores G. Castro
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Juan I. and †Ellen E. Castro
Antonio I. and Menelia S. Castro
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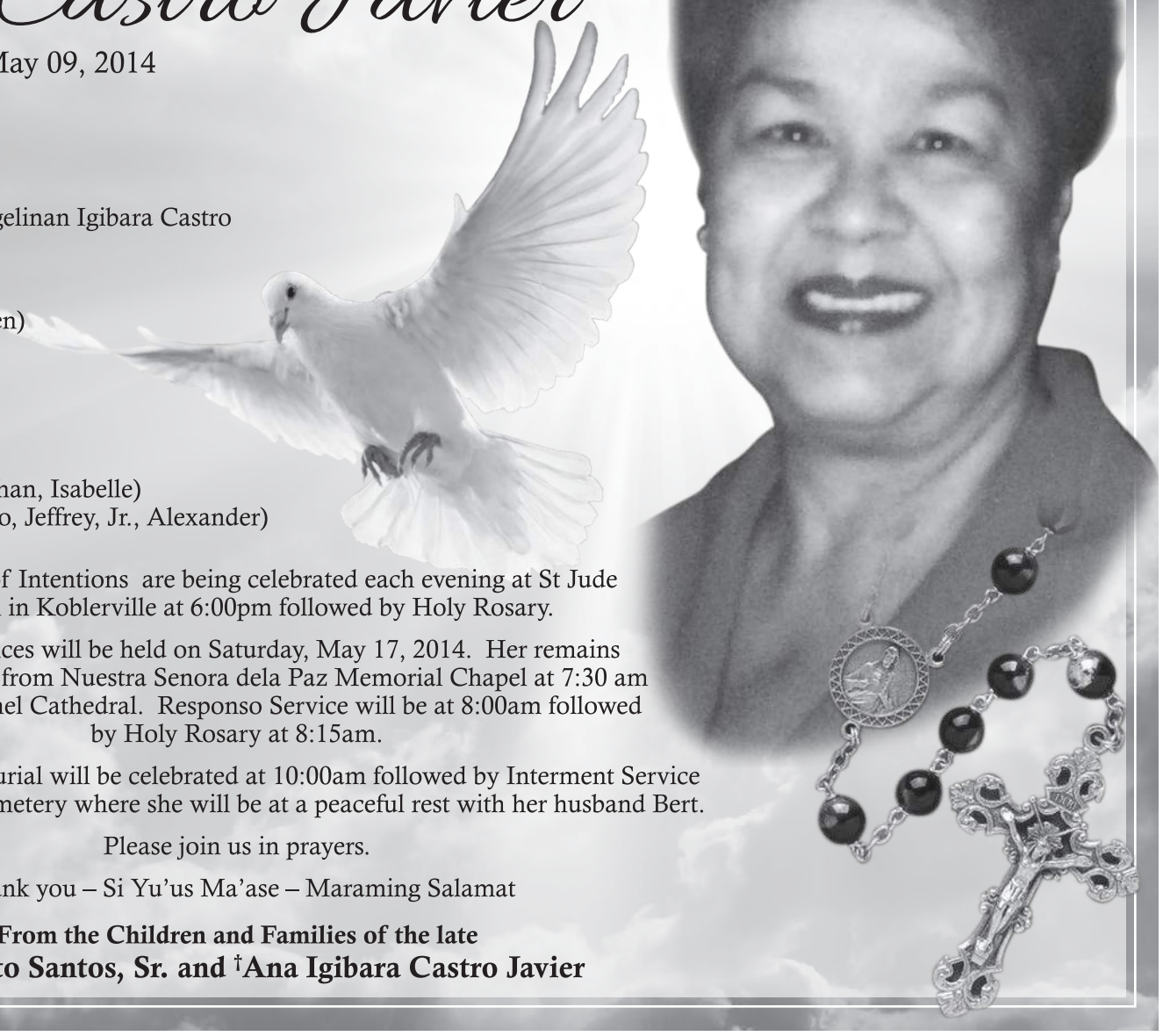
She will be greatly missed by numerous nieces, nephews relatives and friends.



Daily Mass of Intentions are being celebrated each evening at St Jude Church in Koblerville at 6:00pm followed by Holy Rosary.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30 am to Mount Carmel Cathedral. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:15am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest with her husband Bert.

Please join us in prayers.

Thank you – Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Maraming Salamat

From the Children and Families of the late
†Norberto Santos, Sr. and †Ana Igibara Castro Javier

Life & Style

Alec Baldwin arrested in NYC after bike flap

NEW YORK (AP)—Actor Alec Baldwin was arrested and issued two summonses after allegedly acting belligerently toward two officers who had stopped him for riding his bicycle the wrong way down a New York City street, police said Tuesday.

The "30 Rock" star was riding his bike the wrong way at 16th Street and Fifth Avenue near Union Square Park in Manhattan when he was stopped at about 10:15 a.m. and asked to show identification, they said.

That's when Baldwin, 56, refused to show his ID and acted belligerently, prompting the officers to handcuff him and take him, and his bicycle, to a nearby precinct, they said.

Baldwin was issued two summonses—for riding a bike the wrong way down a street and for disorderly conduct—and was then released, police said.

Baldwin

He is scheduled to appear in Manhattan Criminal Court on the disorderly conduct summons July 24.

A representative for Baldwin didn't immediately return a request for comment. But from his verified Twitter account, Baldwin said he'd been handcuffed for riding the wrong way on Fifth Avenue and posted the last name and badge number of the arresting officer.

He also tweeted that photographers outside his home terrified his daughter and disparaged New York City, calling it "a mismanaged carnival of stupidity."

The Oscar- and Tony-nominated-actor is known for his incendiary temper, most notably exposed when a voice mail of him berating his now-teenage daughter, Ireland Baldwin, came to light in 2007. He later said the message horrified him.

He was kicked off a plane in 2011 after refusing to stop playing a cellphone game, and he's gotten into confrontations with news photographers.

His personal life also was splashed into public last fall when he and his wife testified against a Canadian actress accused of stalking him. The actress, Genevieve Sabourin, was convicted after a Manhattan trial that delved into what she said was a steamy date and years of the actor stringing her along romantically. He said it was simply a professional dinner that degenerated into her harassing him.

In February, Baldwin wrote a New York magazine cover story decrying the constant tabloid coverage of his comings-and-goings in New York City, saying he "probably" needs to move out of the city and suggested he may soon be calling Los Angeles home.

Warhol works total more than $100M at auction

NEW YORK (AP)—Two works from Andy Warhol's "Death and Disaster" series sold for a combined $100 million Tuesday and a Barnett Newman painting went for an artist record of $84.2 million in fierce New York auction bidding.

Warhol's "Race Riot, 1964"—a provocative four-panel painting of unrest in Birmingham, Alabama—went for $62.9 million at Christie's auction of postwar and contemporary works, far exceeding the estimate of $45 million.

The work was a direct response to an article Warhol saw in Life magazine that ran with an image by Associated Press photographer Charles Moore.

Warhol's 1962 painting "White Marilyn," completed shortly after Hollywood star Marilyn Monroe took her life, sold for $41 million, well above its estimate of $12 million to $18 million.

Newman's "Black Fire I," a 1961 canvas showing a thick column of black alongside smaller ribbons of white and black, surpassed his auction record set last year when "One-ment VI" went for $43.8 million at Sotheby's.

The New York artist died in 1970 at age 65.

Christie's sold 68 pieces Tuesday, raising more than $744 million. All prices included the buyer's premium.

Francis Bacon's "Three Studies for a Portrait of John Edwards" sold for $80.8 million. The price surged quickly from an opening bid of $50 million.

The 1984 work came onto the market a year after Christie's sold Bacon's 1969 "Three Studies of Lucian Freud" for $142.4 million, setting a world record for the most expensive artwork ever sold at auction.

Bacon, who died in 1992, named Edwards his sole heir. Edwards oversaw the British artist's archives until his death in 2003. The three-panel work shows him in a relaxed pose sitting on a stool with his right leg crossed over his left knee.

Christie's says it is one of the greatest paintings from the artist's late period.

Mark Rothko's "Untitled," a large abstract oil painting with colors ranging from a silvery mist to a deep violet, fetched $66.2 million.

Jeff Koons' "Jim Beam J.B. Turner Train," a 9 1/2 -foot-long-stainless steel sculpture filled with bourbon, sold for $33.8 million. His "Balloon Dog (Orange)" sold last spring for $58.4 million, setting a world auction record for a living artist.

Jean-Michel Basquiat's seminal 1981 painting of a regal warrior figure sold for $34.9 million. The work, replete with graffiti imagery and text, marked the New York artist's "transcendence from the leading figure on the underground art scene to the established world of international art stardom," Christie's said.

On Wednesday, more art is on tap at Sotheby's.

A 1986 group of six Warhol self-portraits is expected to bring $25 million to $35 million. The identical silk-screen images in different colors depict Warhol in his famous "fright wig."

Among other standouts at Sotheby's is Koons' 7-foot-tall stainless steel sculpture, "Popeye," estimated to bring $25 million.

Chilling 'Godzilla' reboot upholds legacy

This film image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows a scene from "Godzilla." AP

By JESSICA HERNDON
AP FILM WRITER

MOVIE REVIEW

No one can blame Gareth Edwards for admittedly feeling nervous when asked to helm a remake of the biggest monster movie of all time. Sure, the only other film he had directed happened to be 2010's "Monsters." But this time, it was Godzilla.

Well, the latest iteration of the 60-year-old franchise is in capable hands. Edwards' "Godzilla" is a pleasingly paced 3-D spectacle that pays chilling homage to the artful legacy of the original 1954 film—Ishiro Honda's "Gojira"—while emerging as its own prodigious monster movie.

Created as a symbol of the nuclear threat following America's atomic attacks on Japan in World War II, Godzilla's reappearance suggests the nuclear tests conducted by the U.S. in the Pacific after the war were really meant to hold the radioactive dinosaur back.

This story begins in Japan in 1999 as nuclear physicist Joe Brody (Bryan Cranston, edgy in an unbearable wig) investigates questionable seismic activity at the Janjira nuclear power plant.

When a team at the plant, including his scientist wife, Sandra (an underused Juliette Binoche), dies in what everyone believes is a natural disaster, Joe dedicates his life to proving that what caused the devastation was anything but natural. His obsession creates a rift between himself and his son, Ford.

Fifteen years later, we catch up with Ford (played by a placid but sexy Aaron Taylor-Johnson) in San Francisco, where he lives with his wife (Elizabeth Olsen) and their son.

Serving in the U.S. Navy, Ford disarms bombs, a skill that later helps him save the planet from MUTOs—"Massive Unidentified Terrestrial Organism"—that emerge from a long dormancy and begin traveling the globe, feeding on radiation.

Screenwriter Max Borenstein, working from a story by Dave Callaham, doesn't bombard us with multiple narratives or a multitude of characters (Ken Watanabe and Sally Hawkins play scientists, and David Strathairn plays an admiral).

Instead, the film focuses on Ford's family story, which Borenstein takes his time developing. When we finally see Godzilla—just shy of an hour into the film—the anticipation has built to such a degree that we expect to be awestruck. And we are.

The tallest of any Godzillas before him, this one stands 355 feet high—about 30 stories—with glistening, scaly skin and dorsal fin spikes down his back. His terrifying yet textured roar shakes the theater.

Aiming for a realistic take on how we might react to an invasion by giant creatures, Edwards makes sure our view of them rarely shifts from the human perspective.

Honoring the eerie music of the original, this film's score by Alexandre Desplat ("Argo") is equally menacing, rich with horns that complement the consistently serious tone of the movie.

In the original film, made using stop-motion photography, an actor stomped around a miniature Tokyo in a latex suit. But in the hands of visual effects guru Jim Rygiel ("The Lord of the Rings" franchise), the contemporary take looks incredibly fluid and Godzilla's movements appear far more natural.

But we're not bombarded with excessive CGI here. Godzilla isn't oversold, although for some, his lack of screentime won't be satisfying enough. However, the balance between the family-focused story line and intense action sequences is bound to please others.

Microsoft unbundles Kinect from Xbox One

LOS ANGELES (AP)—In a move to spur sales of the Xbox One and catch up with rival Sony's PlayStation 4, Microsoft Corp. said Tuesday it will start selling the console without the Kinect sensor, which cuts $100 from the price.

The new price of $399 begins June 9.

Microsoft says it is also allowing entertainment apps like Netflix to be used on both the Xbox One and the older Xbox 360 console without having to pay for an Xbox Live Gold membership, which costs $60 a year.

The membership will continue to be required for multiplayer game mode, but it will also provide discounts on games and free games.

Phil Spencer, who was named head of Xbox in March, said unbundling Kinect was important to reaching more fans.

"Value is important," he said in an interview. "Making sure you have an opening price point that can reach as many people as possible is critical."

Kinect is an accessory that detects motion and allows users to control the console using their voice.

Microsoft said last month that sales of Xbox One had slowed to 1.2 million in the quarter through March, compared to the 3.9 million it sold in the holiday quarter. The total of 5.1 million was behind Sony's 7 million in sales of the PS4. Both launched in November.

Spencer added that it no longer made sense to reserve apps such as Netflix and YouTube to paying subscribers since such apps are widely available on DVD players and other Internet-connected devices.

A 'View' without Barbara Walters after this week

NEW YORK (AP)—When Barbara Walters came on the scene, John Kennedy was in the White House, a motorist could fill 'er up for three bucks and no one had heard of the Beatles.

On Friday, capping a spectacular half-century run she began as the so-called "Today" Girl, Walters says goodbye to ABC's "The View."

Behind the scenes she will remain as an executive producer of the New York-based talk show she created 17 years ago, and she'll make ABC News appearances as events warrant and stories catch her eye.

"It's not as if I'm walking into the sunset," cautions Walters, who at 84 looks a decade or two younger as she nurses black coffee in her dressing room amid a tireless pace that, in the same breath, she insists will soon be coming to a halt: "I'm NOT going to be doing a five-day-a-week show, and I'm NOT going after every big 'get.'"

On Thursday's "The View," all 11 past and present co-hosts reunite to honor her as she retires from daily television. Hours after her big farewell on Friday's "View" (seen weekdays at 11 a.m. EDT), "Barbara Walters: Her Story" airs as a two-hour retrospective (9 p.m. EDT).

"Then on May 17," she pledges, "I'm going to be sleeping until noon. May 18, I'm going to sleep until noon."

AP

This June 5, 2003 file photo shows Meredith Vieira, from left, Star Jones, Joy Behar and Barbara Walters on the set of ABC's "The View" in New York.

But what about the day after that? "People ask me, 'How are you gonna feel?' I don't know! It's a new chapter!"

Not just for her. Since the early 1960s, Walter has served as a journalistic throughline for her viewers, an arbiter connecting the dots during five decades of events, newsmakers and stars at NBC's "Today" (from 1961 to 1976), as the first woman co-anchor of ABC's "World News Tonight," on her scores of "big get" specials and a quarter-century co-hosting "20/20."

And she did it after starting out as a "Girl" who crashed the "Mad Man"-esque world of TV news' male dominance.

Asked to speculate on what might land her name in history books, she cites the "many really wonderful young women now on television. If I helped to pave the way, that's more important than if anyone remembers my name.

"And my longevity on the air," she adds as a backup legacy: "That one can work as long as I've worked, and still be vital—it demonstrates there's no age limit for people. And there shouldn't be!"

Walters announced her retirement more than a year ago, and emphasizes it was her choice, motivated because, well, it just seemed time.

"But I feel great," she says. "I'm in perfect health. I've got a lot of energy."

Not that she dismisses broader implications of this looming new passage awaiting her.

"I'm walking away from a career of 38 years, just at ABC News. So I think, 'What's the next milestone?' The next milestone is DEATH!" A wry laugh. "Oh, thanks a LOT!"

But as Walters' career thus far has made clear, she is nothing if not defiant, with a lifetime spent challenging assumptions and naysayers.

Clay Aiken wins congressional primary in US

RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP)—Former "American Idol" singer Clay Aiken won what had been a hotly contested Democratic primary for a North Carolina congressional seat according to a final, unofficial vote count that was posted Tuesday, a day after the accidental death of his closest rival.

Aiken

Aiken will face Republican incumbent Renee Ellmers in November in the Republican-leaning district where Mitt Romney won nearly six in 10 votes in 2012 as the Republican presidential candidate.

The county-by-county tally of the 2nd Congressional District race posted by the state Tuesday confirmed Aiken got more than 40 percent of the vote needed to win the three-candidate race.

On Monday, second-place finisher Keith Crisco, 71, died after falling at his home. Hours earlier, campaign manager Christine Botta said they had counted the absentee votes in two key counties, forcing Crisco to acknowledge defeat. He had decided to concede his loss to Aiken on Tuesday, she said.

"Keith and I talked in detail about the fact that the votes weren't there," Botta said.

Aiken is an openly gay man in a district populated with many socially conservative, evangelical Christians. He said that during the primary he was never asked about his orientation except by reporters.

Aiken issued a statement of regret at Crisco's death on Monday and said he was suspending campaign activities for a time. Aiken's campaign website was black but for that statement on Tuesday. Aiken's campaign declined to comment Tuesday on his victory because of the decision to suspend campaign efforts, spokeswoman Tucker Middleton said in an email.

Kristin Chenoweth coming back to Broadway

NEW YORK (AP)—"Glee" and "Wicked" star Kristin Chenoweth is chugging back to Broadway in the stylish screwball musical "On the Twentieth Century."

Chenoweth

Producers said Tuesday that the Tony- and Emmy-winner will co-star with Peter Gallagher in the show adapted from the 1934 film with lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green and music by Cy Coleman. Scott Ellis will direct and Warren Carlyle will choreograph.

The show is about a shameless—and penniless—producer who hightails it out of Chicago after his stage version of "Joan of Arc" flops. He needs a hit and hopes one of his leading ladies who went on to fame to Hollywood can help. They meet aboard the Twentieth Century Limited train, as it travels to New York City.

The show will begin Feb. 12 and open March 12 at the American Airlines Theatre. The previously announced production in that theater of "Noises Off" has been postponed to fall 2015.

Chenoweth, whose TV credits include "The West Wing," "The Good Wife" and "Pushing Daisies," was last on Broadway in the 2010 revival of "Promises, Promises." Her film credits include "Bewitched," "The Pink Panther" and "RV."

"On the Twentieth Century" will be the latest Broadway revival of a Comden-Green musical. "On the Town," the 1944 musical about three sailors on shore leave in New York City, starts up in October at the Lyric Theatre.

Cannes to kick off with Kidman, 'Grace of Monaco'

CANNES, France (AP)—The 67th annual Cannes Film Festival is kicking off with a dose of classic French Riviera glamour.

The Grace Kelly biopic "Grace of Monaco," starring Nicole Kidman, opens the festival Wednesday. Kidman plays the movie star during her marriage to Prince Rainier III of Monaco, just an hour's drive from Cannes.

The film premieres amid high-profile disputes. Director Olivier Dahan has feuded over the final cut with the Weinstein Co., which is distributing the film in North America. Dahan's version will screen at Cannes.

Princess Stephanie of Monaco has criticized the film about her parents as inaccurate.

Cannes will also unveil its jury, which decides the festival's prestigious Palme d'Or award. The jury this year is headed by Jane Champion, the only female filmmaker to win the Palme d'Or.

Wife disapproves when man tries to break language barrier

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I speak English as our native language. I also speak other languages fluently, although my wife does not.

When we travel to a country where I speak the language, she insists I speak only English. She says everybody in the world now speaks English and accuses me of showing off when I converse with a local in his or her language. She says it makes her uncomfortable.

I realize many people in other countries speak some—or even a lot of—English, but many do not. What do you think?

SPEECHLESS IN ATLANTA

DEAR SPEECHLESS: Much as your wife might wish it, not everybody in the world speaks English. That you are able to speak to individuals in their native language is a tremendous asset when you travel. It makes for a warmer welcome and a fuller experience wherever you go, and I hope you will continue to use the skill you have worked to acquire.

However, to carry on long, involved conversations while your wife just stands there is rude, and if you find out that the person with whom you are talking also speaks English, you should make an effort to see that she is included.

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DEAR ABBY: I was born with a very weak heart. At the age of 23, I went into heart failure and needed surgery. It has been two years since my open heart procedure, and it has changed my life for the best.

As a young, semi-attractive male, I feel insecure about my scar. I went to the beach with friends, and so many people looked at my scar I got uncomfortable and put my shirt back on for the rest of the time. I haven't gone back to the beach since. And in situations where guys go shirtless, I wear mine even over the protests of my friends.

I can't get over the scar. I feel like I'm disfigured. Any advice on how I can deal with this huge change?

SELF-CONSCIOUS IN GEORGIA

DEAR SELF-CONSCIOUS: Because you're sensitive about the scar, perhaps you should talk to a plastic surgeon about your options in having it reduced. However, in my opinion, you are not "disfigured"—you are ALIVE. You fought for your life and won.

Few people get through life without some "battle scars." Since you can't change the fact that it's there, consider changing the way you think about it. In a way, it's your medal of honor. Scars have been known to fade with time, and so does self-consciousness.

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DEAR ABBY: My grandson will be getting married in Chicago. What's the appropriate dress code regarding wearing pantyhose these days? It seems everyone you see in a dress is bare-legged. I want to be comfortable, but also appropriately dressed.

BEST-DRESSED GRANDMA

DEAR GRANDMA: It depends upon how formal the wedding will be and whether it will be held indoors or outside. If it's outside and informal, and the weather is hot and humid, you could go bare-legged. However, if it's indoors and the attire is dressy—and you want to maintain your reputation as "best-dressed granny"—hold up your "end" and wear pantyhose.

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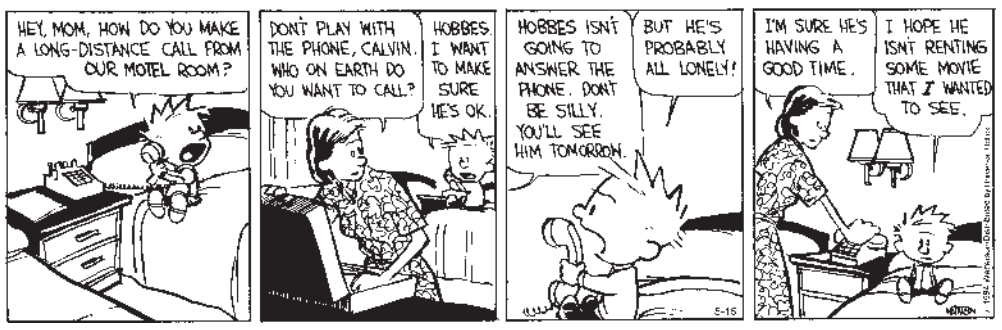
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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DON'T PLAY WITH THE PHONE, CALVIN. WHO ON EARTH DO YOU WANT TO CALL?
HOBBES, I WANT TO MAKE SURE HE'S OK.
HOBBES ISN'T GOING TO ANSWER THE PHONE. DON'T BE SILLY. YOU'LL SEE HIM TOMORROW.
BUT HE'S PROBABLY ALL LONELY!
I'M SURE HE'S HAVING A GOOD TIME.
I HOPE HE ISN'T RENTING SOME MOVIE THAT I WANTED TO SEE.
5-15

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

LIFE IS A REFLECTING POOL, GARFIELD
WHERE ONE CAN SEE ONE'S TRUE SELF
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THE WATER MUST BE MURKY TODAY
JIM DAVIS 5-15

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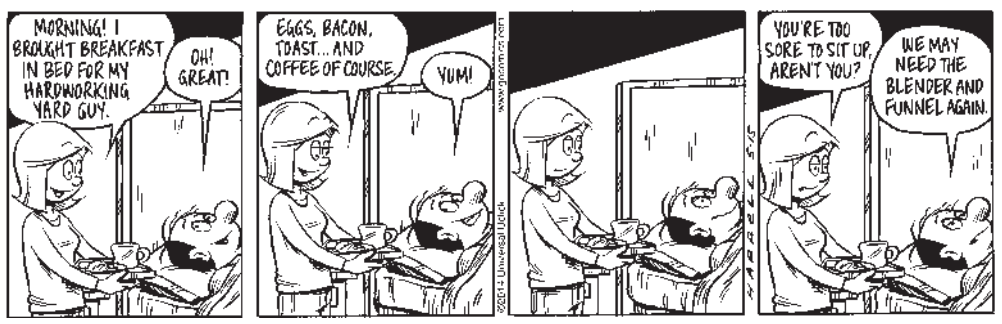
By Bryan Basset


MORNING! I BROUGHT BREAKFAST IN BED FOR MY HARDWORKING YARD GUY.
OH! GREAT!
EGGS, BACON, TOAST... AND COFFEE OF COURSE.
YUM!
YOU'RE TOO SORE TO SIT UP, AREN'T YOU?
WE MAY NEED THE BLENDER AND FUNNEL AGAIN.
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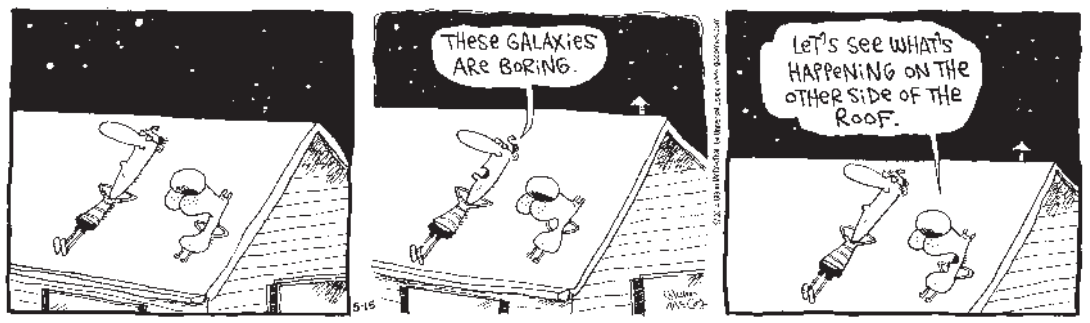
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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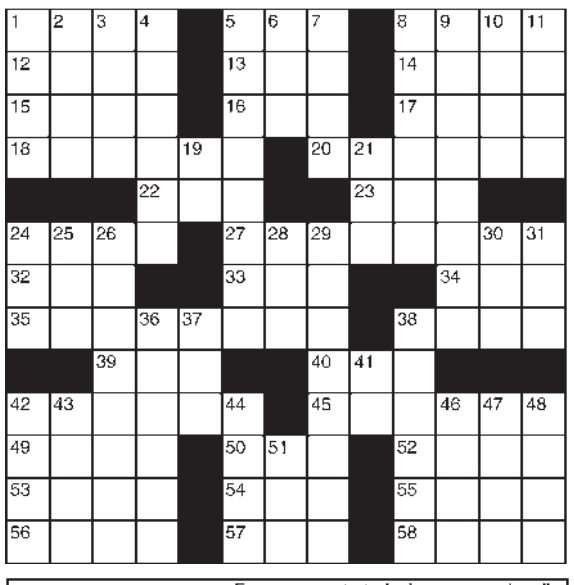

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Happy Birthday: Choose your direction and make things happen. Refuse to let anyone railroad you down a path that leads nowhere. Express your concerns and learn all you can to enhance your skills to better suit the challenges you will face to reach your goals. Make an honest assessment of your past and do your best to improve your future. Your numbers are 2, 5, 17, 24, 31, 40, 47.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Getting involved in a joint venture can be successful, but also lead to disillusionment regarding your partner. Don't assume anything, and be ready to pick up the slack if something mysteriously doesn't get finished. Make love a priority in your personal life. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't complain or you may face ridicule and a lack of sympathy. Being secretive about your plans and gathering information that will help you present a solid case regarding your goals will help you strengthen your position. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Make personal changes and join organizations that are unique and can offer you a different point of view. A change of heart regarding a personal relationship will be beneficial and lead to a better future. Pursue personal improvements. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Let your imagination wander and lead to creative endeavors that will fill your down time with a relaxing alternative. A partnership problem will add stress and worry to your life and must be counteracted with a mindful and meditative practice. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Take a break or do something that will stimulate your senses mentally, physically and emotionally. Take on a challenge that will help you become stronger and more efficient. Put romance into play and your love life will improve. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Make a point of getting involved in sports events or physical activities. Offer assistance to children or elders experiencing difficulties with challenging tasks. Express your thoughts to someone you want to form a partnership with and present your plan. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Make simple but positive changes that will help keep the peace at home or within a business partnership. Compromise will be necessary and should be handled with diplomacy. You should be able to avoid a dispute. Put your energy into affection, not disdain. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't mix money and emotions. Be smart about the way you use your funds. A job that can help you learn new skills and improve your emotional, physical and financial wellness is apparent. Don't rule out the obvious. Do what you enjoy doing most. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Turn an idea into cash. Build a strong presentation and promote what you have to offer to people who will want to buy into your plan. Love is hot and a romantic celebration will bring you closer to someone special. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Stick close to home and focus on personal matters and self-improvement. Don't let what others do disrupt your plans. Avoid arguments and minor accidents by implementing common sense and caution into whatever you do. Avoid excessive indulgence. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't let emotions stand between you and your goals. Look for unique ways to invest in something that will bring you income. Explore health-related products, activities and lifestyles and implement them into your everyday routine. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪✪

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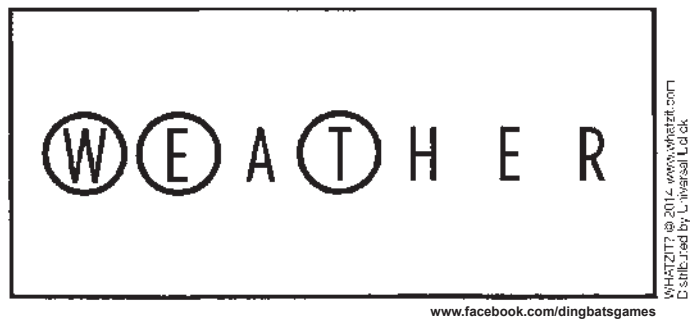

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Thunder rally in final minute to stun Clippers

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Russell Westbrook finished off Oklahoma City's stunning comeback.

Clippers coach Doc Rivers believes he should never have had the chance.

Westbrook scored 38 points and made three free throws with 6.4 seconds remaining, and the Thunder overcame a seven-point deficit in the final 50 seconds to beat Los Angeles 105-104 on Tuesday night and go up 3-2 in the Western Conference semifinals.

"I think when you get a win like this it brings everybody closer," Westbrook said. "It lets you know you can't mess around. You have to take every moment, every play and go out and win the game."

The play that led to Westbrook's free throws is in dispute.

Kevin Durant made a 3-pointer, then Los Angeles' Jamal Crawford missed in close before Durant made a layup with 17 seconds left. Westbrook stole the ball, and in a scramble, the Thunder got possession with 11.3 seconds to play, setting up Westbrook's play. The Clippers believed the ball went off Oklahoma City's Reggie Jackson, but the officials awarded the ball to the Thunder. After review, the play stood.

"Everybody knows it was our ball," Rivers said. "The bottom line is they thought it was a foul and they made up for it. Let's take away the replay. We were robbed. It was our ball, whether it was a foul or not."

NBA crew chief Tony Brothers explained the call after the game.

"When the ball goes out of bounds, the ball was awarded to Oklahoma City," he said. "We go to review the play. We saw two replays. The two replays we saw were from the overhead camera showing down, and the one from under the basket showing the same angle but from a different view. And from those two replays, it was inconclusive as to who the ball went out of bounds off of. When it's inconclusive, we have to go with the call that was on the floor."

The Thunder were more focused on what they did after the call. They can clinch the series Thursday in Los Angeles.

"I've never seen a game like this with us," Durant said. "It just shows that you can never keep us down. We're going to fight until the end no matter what happens. We fought through it all and persevered through it all."

After the Thunder got possession, Westbrook was fouled by Chris Paul while shooting a 3-pointer with the Thunder trailing by two. Westbrook, who had missed a 3-pointer that would have won Game 4 in the closing seconds, welcomed the chance for redemption.

"I'm still upset about that shot that I missed in L.A. for the game, so tonight, I just tried to take my time, take a deep breath and knock `em down," he said.

After the free throws, Paul drove to the hoop, but Jackson stole the ball from him, and time expired.

"Probably the toughest thing I've been through, basketball-wise," Paul said. "Everything that happened there at the end is on me. It was just bad basketball."

Durant scored 10 of his 27 points in the final 3:23 after shooting 3 for 17 through three quarters.

"Great players can have a bad shooting night, have a great three minutes and be the superstars that they are," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "He hung in there and there were times where he thought nothing would go right. They stuck together and fought through a lot of tough situations."

Blake Griffin had 24 points and 17 rebounds, Crawford scored 19 points and Paul had 17 points and 14 assists for the Clippers.

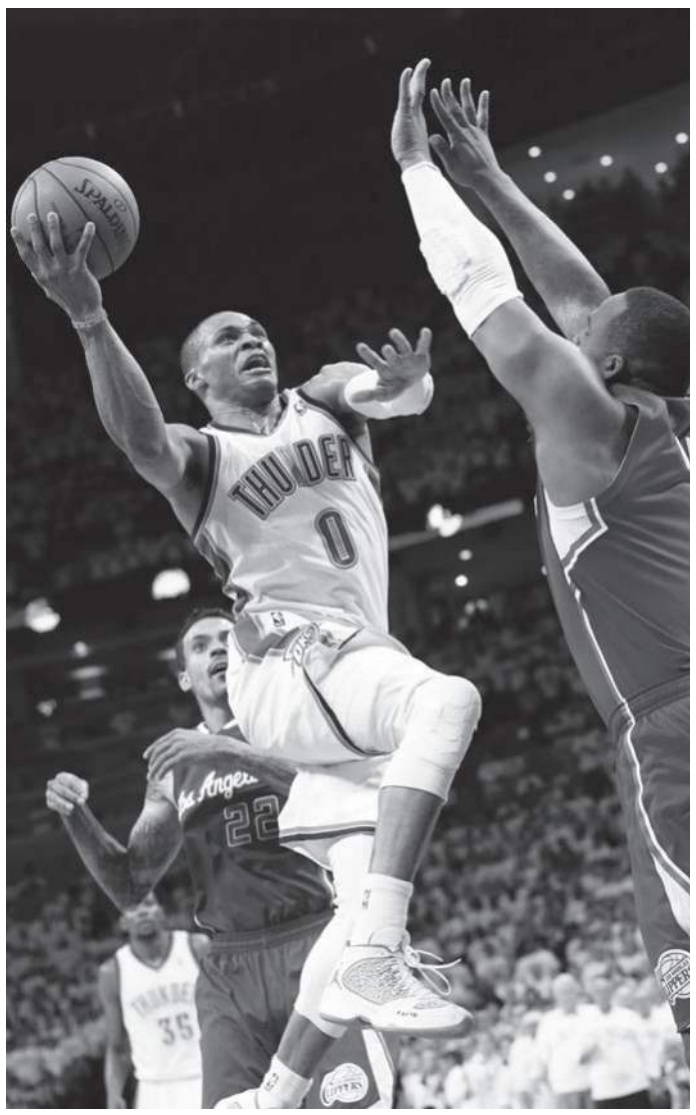
It was the latest in a string of spectacular games for Westbrook. He is averaging 29.6 points, 6.6 rebounds and 6.8 assists in the series.

"He's fierce and he's fearless," Brooks said. "He's a winner. The guy competes for his team every single night and he practices the way he plays. He makes basketball plays to put our team in a winning position."

The Clippers took a 101-88 lead in the fourth quarter on a 3-pointer by Crawford with 4:13 to play before Durant finally got involved. He hit a 3-pointer with 3:23 remaining on his first shot of the quarter, then drained two free throws to cut the Clippers' lead to 101-95.

A layup by Jackson cut Los Angeles' lead to four.

Griffin made the first of two free throws, and Glen Davis grabbed the rebound of the second. Paul's mid-range jumper on the extra possession gave the Clippers a 104-97 edge with 49 seconds to play.



AP

Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook, center, goes up for a shot in front of Los Angeles Clippers forward Glen Davis, right, in the fourth quarter of Game 5 of the Western Conference semifinal NBA basketball playoff series in Oklahoma City, Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

The Clippers appeared on their way to taking control of the series. Now, they are on the brink of elimination.

"We've been regrouping all year," Rivers said. "We'll be ready to play when we get to L.A. This one's going to hurt. None of this would have happened if we'd taken care of business. That didn't happen. We'll be ready."

Wizards 102, Pacers 79

In Indianapolis, the Wizards were tired of getting shoved around in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

So on Tuesday night, Marcin Gortat and his teammates pushed back hard.

Gortat delivered the best playoff game of his career, 31 points and 16 rebounds, and John Wall scored a playoff-best 27 points as Washington routed the Indiana Pacers 102-79 to cut the Eastern Conference semifinals deficit to 3-2.

"We don't have anything to lose now," Gortat said. "We play desperate. At the end of the day, we might lose. We have to play every minute of every game like it's the last one of the season."

The Wizards made a stunning turnaround after losing three straight, two on their home court in incredibly demoralizing fashion. Washington scored a franchise-low 63 points in Game 3 and then blew a 19-point, second-half lead in Game 4.

Washington refused to let it happen again this time, earning a trip home for Game 6 on Thursday.

The difference was obvious.

Wall broke free, Gortat dominated the middle and the motivated Wizards were simply overwhelming inside with a 62-23 rebounding edge.

Gortat produced more points and rebounds in 36 minutes than he had in the previous two games combined (six points and 13 rebounds). He was 13 of 15 from the field, 5 of 7 from the free-throw line, tied his career-best point total and finished with playoff career bests for points and rebounds.

"I was a decoy in Game 3 and Game 4," the 30-year-old Polish native said. "(Tuesday) was the time for me to perform. At some point in the second half, it was just fun to be in the game."

Wall seemed to enjoy himself, too.

The much more aggressive point guard went 11 of 20 from the field and 3 of 6 on 3s, finishing with five rebounds, five assists and five turnovers as he sliced through the Pacers' defense.

"They didn't stop me from being aggressive on both ends," Wall said. "But the biggest thing was just the way we played in the third quarter. They outscored us by like 40 in the other four games, so the third quarter was big for us tonight."

The 31-14 disparity during those 12 minutes completely changed the game, putting talk about the presumed conference finals rematch between Indiana and two-time defending NBA champ Miami temporarily on hold.

One possible explanation for what happened to the Pacers was fatigue.

Four of Indiana's five starters played at least 39 minutes in Game 4. Coach Frank Vogel was concerned enough that he gave the Pacers a day off Monday.

David West led Indiana with 17 points and six rebounds, but Paul George struggled after playing 46 minutes in Game 4. He was 5 of 15 from the field with 15 points, one rebound, two assists and four turnovers.

But the problems went much deeper that weariness. West was only the starter to grab more than two rebounds, Washington held Indiana to 39 percent shooting and they continually beat the Pacers to loose balls.

This was not what Indiana expected.

"We didn't show up to play. I don't know if we just thought we were going to come in here and these guys were going to roll over or what. They just played at a different level than we did all night," West said after Indiana's second-worst home playoff loss in its NBA history.

"It's a tough situation. We have to be able to handle these moments. We had no zip. We have to play. If we want this series, we have to take it."

Washington was the team doing that Tuesday.

The Wizards used a 15-6 run to close the half, turning a 32-30 deficit into a 45-38 lead.

In the disastrous third quarter, Indiana was outrebounded 18-4 and the Wizards made them pay time after time. Washington's 6-0 run extended the lead to 11, a 9-2 spurt pushed the margin to 60-45, and when the Wizards closed the third on a 10-3 charge, it was 76-52.

Washington led by as much as 30 in the fourth, and the Pacers didn't even start cutting into the deficit until Vogel pulled his starters midway through the quarter.

"They're not ready to go home," coach Randy Wittman said. "It said 3-1, which doesn't sound very good, but in our minds, we're very close to it being something else. They don't want this (season) to end."

Source: Stan Van Gundy Pistons' coach/president

DETROIT (AP)—Stan Van Gundy has agreed to a $35-million, five-year contract to be the Detroit Pistons' coach and president of basketball operations, a person with knowledge of the details said.

Detroit gave Van Gundy the powerful combination of jobs on Tuesday, the person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal had not been announced.

The deal was first reported by ESPN.com.

The Pistons announced in April that they were not renewing Joe Dumars' contract, ending his 14-year run as president of basketball operations.

Van Gundy is taking over a team that has Andre Drummond, one NBA's top young centers, and money to reshape its roster this summer.

Van Gundy has a 371-208 career record with the Orlando Magic and Miami Heat. He was fired in 2012 following his fifth season with the Orlando. He stunned the Heat in December 2005 by resigning for family reasons after two-plus seasons.

The Golden State Warriors might have wanted Van Gundy, who went to high school in nearby Martinez, California, to be their new coach.

While the Warriors' roster seems more attractive, Van Gundy is getting a rare chance to be the coach and decision-maker for an NBA franchise. Doc Rivers does both jobs for the Los Angeles Clippers.

The Pistons are desperate to be regarded as relevant in the Motor City—where they've become an afterthought—and hiring Van Gundy seems to be a splashy move they needed to make.

Ultimately, though, Van Gundy will have to win more than he loses in Detroit, as he has in each of his eight seasons.

Van Gundy has won 59 games three times, once in Miami and twice with the Magic. He has helped his teams advance in five out of seven postseasons, leading Orlando to the 2009 NBA Finals. Miami lost to the Pistons in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals.

Detroit's season has not lasted longer than the regular season in five years, its longest playoff drought since 1978-83. The Pistons won their third NBA title in 2004, early in a six-year run of reaching at least the conference finals.

The Pistons signed Josh Smith, traded for Brandon Jennings and hired Maurice Cheeks last offseason and were expected to at least contend for a postseason spot.

Instead, the new players didn't blend with returning players such as Drummond and Greg Monroe well enough to push the Pistons into the playoffs and coach Maurice Cheeks lost his job 50 games into the regular season. Detroit finished the season with a 29-53 record and with John Loyer as coach.

Cabrera HR in 9th rallies Tigers past Orioles, 4-1

BALTIMORE (AP)—Miguel Cabrera hit a three-run homer off Tommy Hunter with two outs in the ninth inning and the Detroit Tigers, down to their last strike, rallied past the Baltimore Orioles 4-1 Tuesday night.

After being held scoreless on three hits over the first eight innings, the Tigers used a reversed call to win. Detroit was 0-12 when trailing going into the ninth before mounting the improbable comeback.

Hunter held a 1-0 lead before giving up a leadoff single to Alex Avila. Pinch-runner Rajai Davis was called out trying to steal, but Detroit manager Brad Ausmus challenged the call and it was overtuned on replay.

Hunter (1-1) got two straight outs before working the count on Torii Hunter to 1-2. The at-bat ended in a walk, and Cabrera hit an 0-1 curveball over the center-field wall for his sixth home run.

Victor Martinez then hit a shot to right that landed on Eutaw Street beyond the scoreboard in right field.

Justin Miller (1-1) pitched one inning to earn his first big league win and Joe Nathan got three outs for his ninth save.

Adam Jones hit a first-inning homer for the Orioles, who have dropped three in a row following a five-game winning streak.

AP

Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera swings on a three-run home run against the Baltimore Orioles in the ninth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, May 13, 2014, in Baltimore.

Twins 8, Red Sox 6

In Minneapolis, Chris Parmelee hit a game-ending homer in the ninth inning and Minnesota overcame David Ortiz's big night to beat Boston.

Ortiz went 4 for 5 with two homers and four RBIs, but it wasn't enough.

Kurt Suzuki singled with two outs off reliever Andrew Miller (1-1) before Parmelee lined an 0-1 pitch into the right-field seats for his first two RBIs of the season.

Eduardo Nunez homered and Brian Dozier had two RBIs in a five-run second for the Twins.

Ortiz hit solo homers in the first and fourth and is tied with Jim Rice on the Red Sox list with 382. It was the 42nd multihomer game for Big Papi, who began his career with the Twins.

Ortiz added an RBI single in the sixth and another one in the seventh that made it 6-5.

Glen Perkins (1-0) pitched the ninth, striking out Ortiz and Mike Napoli to strand Shane Victorino at first base.

Rays 2, Mariners 1

In Seattle, David Price struck out 12 in his second complete game this season and Tampa Bay rallied in the ninth inning against Seattle closer Fernando Rodney.

Mariners starter Hisashi Iwakuma shut out the Rays on four hits for eight innings before giving way to Rodney. David DeJesus led off the ninth with a tying homer, and Rodney (1-2) gave up a go-ahead RBI single to Matt Joyce five batters later.

Price (4-3) gave up six hits and kept the Mariners off balance most of the night. Eight of his strikeouts came on called third strikes.

Robinson Cano had a double, single and an RBI for Seattle.

Blue Jays 5, Indians 4

In Toronto, R.A. Dickey won for the third time in four starts and Juan Francisco homered in Toronto's victory over Cleveland.

Blue Jays left fielder Melky Cabrera threw out Carlos Santana at the plate to end the eighth inning, preserving a one-run lead.

Adam Lind hit a two-run double for Toronto and scored on Francisco's double.

Dickey (4-3) allowed two earned runs and four hits in six-plus innings. Casey Janssen, activated from the disabled list Sunday, finished for his first save.

Justin Masterson (2-2) matched a season high by allowing five runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Astros 8, Rangers 0

In Houston, Dallas Keuchel pitched a seven-hitter for his first major league shutout, leading Houston past Texas.

Keuchel (4-2) struck out seven without a walk. He gave up just one extra-base hit, a double by Adrian Beltre in the first inning, and threw his second career complete game.

L.J. Hoes and Carlos Corporan each homered and drove in three runs.

The Astros were shut out 4-0 in the series opener, but jumped on Matt Harrison (1-1) for three runs in the second before he left with back stiffness.

Athletics 9, White Sox 0

In Oakland, Calif., Brandon Moss homered twice and Drew Pomeranz and three relievers combined on a four-hitter as Oakland shut out Chicago for its sixth consecutive win.

Josh Reddick also homered and Yoenis Cespedes added two hits and scored twice to anchor a shuffled Athletics lineup that had catcher John Jaso batting leadoff for the fourth time this season. Jaso had three hits and scored twice.

Pomeranz (3-1) went five shutout innings in his first start on May 7 and matched that with another stellar five-inning outing against the White Sox. The left-hander struck out a career-high eight, walked two and gave up just three hits — all singles.

Scott Carroll (1-3) gave up six runs and 11 hits in five innings for the White Sox, who lost their fourth straight.

Oakland improved to 25-15, matching its best record after 40 games since 2003.

Mets 12, Yankees 7

In New York, Curtis Granderson and Daniel Murphy each hit a three-run homer, and the New York Mets roughed up fill-in starter Vidal Nuno (1-1) to beat the Yankees for a two-game sweep in the Bronx.

Granderson connected for the second consecutive game in his old ballpark, helping the Mets jump out to a quick lead after they used four homers to rally for a 9-7 victory the night before.

David Wright had three hits and two RBIs, and Daisuke Matsuzaka (1-0) pitched 3 2-3 innings in relief of a wild Zack Wheeler as the Mets earned their sixth straight win against their crosstown rivals, including a 4-0 mark last year.

Eric Young Jr. scored three runs without a hit, and the Mets won their third in a row overall to return to .500 after losing eight of nine. The banged-up Yankees learned right fielder Carlos Beltran has a bone spur in his right elbow that might require surgery, then lost their fourth in a row to drop to .500 for the first time since April 12. Both teams are 19-19.

Royals 5, Rockies 1

In Kansas City, Mo., James Shields cooled down hot-hitting Colorado over seven sharp innings, and Lorenzo Cain and Salvador Perez both homered for Kansas City.

The only run Shields allowed came on an RBI single by Justin Morneau in the fourth inning. Shields (5-3) followed it up by retiring the final 10 batters he faced, striking out the side in the sixth inning and fanning Troy Tulowitzki for the 1,500th strikeout of his career.

Alcides Escobar added a pair of RBIs, and relievers Wade Davis and Aaron Crow wrapped up the win for the Royals, who were opening a nine-game homestand.

Franklin Morales (3-3) gave up four runs and eight hits in five innings for the Rockies.

Padres 2, Reds 1

In Cincinnati, Chase Headley homered in the ninth inning off Aroldis Chapman, the first hit the hard-throwing lefty allowed since his return from being hit in the head by a line drive, and the San Diego Padres beat the Cincinnati Reds.

The Padres got their season-high fourth straight win despite managing only three hits. Seth Smith had the only two hits that Mike Leake allowed in the first eight innings.

Headley connected on a 99 mph fastball from Chapman (0-1), who was making his second appearance since undergoing surgery to repair damage after being struck in the left eye and nose during a spring training game.

Joaquin Benoit (1-0) allowed a walk in the eighth. Huston Street got the last three outs for his 12th save in as many chances. Street hasn't allowed a run in his last 10 innings.

Diamondbacks 3, Nationals 1

In Phoenix, Bronson Arroyo scattered seven hits in his 16th career complete game and also singled twice off Stephen Strasburg, leading the Arizona Diamondbacks over the Washington Nationals.

Paul Goldschmidt doubled twice and drove in two runs.

Arroyo (4-2), who pitched two complete games for Cincinnati last season, struck out seven and walked one. Over his last three starts, he has allowed one earned run in 23 1-3 innings.

He also became the second pitcher to get two hits off Strasburg. The other was Tim Hudson.

Strasburg (3-3) went seven innings, allowing three runs on eight hits, striking out six with no walks.

Brewers 5, Pirates 2

In Milwaukee, Jonathan Lucroy hit a bases-loaded, two-run single, and the battered Milwaukee Brewers withstood the early exits of star outfielders Carlos Gomez and Ryan Braun to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Gomez scored the second run on Lucroy's single in the third after getting hit by a changeup from Gerrit Cole (3-3). It was their first meeting since the teams brawled last month in Pittsburgh after Cole and Gomez exchanged words.

No confrontations Tuesday, though Gomez did leave the game with lower back tightness. Manager Ron Roenicke said Gomez woke up Monday with a tight back and tried to play through it.

Braun was activated from the disabled list earlier Tuesday. His departure after the sixth was planned as he gets acclimated in his return from an oblique injury.

Marco Estrada (3-1) struck out eight in six innings. Francisco Rodriguez tossed a hitless ninth for his 16th save.

Angels 4, Phillies 3

In Philadelphia, Luis Jimenez hit a tiebreaking two-run double in the sixth inning, Matt Shoemaker tossed five effective innings and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Philadelphia Phillies.

Mike Trout went 1 for 5 with more than 4,000 fans from his hometown of Millville, New Jersey in the crowd. The two-time All-Star centerfielder grew up in the small town 45 minutes south of Philadelphia.

Shoemaker (1-1) allowed two runs and three hits to beat Cliff Lee (3-4). Shoemaker made his second career start and first this season. The righty was called up to replace Hector Santiago, who was sent to the bullpen after going 0-6 with a 5.19 ERA in seven starts.

Lee allowed four unearned runs and six hits, striking out seven in seven innings. He was hurt by three errors by third baseman Cody Asche.

Ernesto Frieri pitched the ninth for his fifth save in seven tries.

Cardinals 3, Cubs 3, 12 innings

In St. Louis, pinch-hitter Greg Garcia was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and one out in the 12th inning, sending the St. Louis Cardinals over the Chicago Cubs.

Jhonny Peralta led off the 12th with a single for his third hit. Justin Grimm (1-2) retired Matt Holliday on a pop-up, but walks to Allen Craig and Yadier Molina loaded the bases for Garcia.

Seth Maness (1-2) tossed a scoreless 12th for the win. Both teams used seven pitchers.

Trailing 3-2 going into the ninth, Chicago rallied to tie it off closer Trevor Rosenthal on Emilio Bonifacio's RBI single with two outs. The blown save was the first for Rosenthal in 11 opportunities.

Braves 5, Giants 0

In San Francisco, Mike Minor pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning and Evan Gattis drove in a run with his first career triple as the Atlanta Braves beat the San Francisco Giants for the first time in five tries this season.

Freddie Freeman, B.J Upton and Andrelton Simmons added RBI singles in a three-run sixth against Ryan Vogelsong (1-2) to help the Braves win for the fourth time in five games.

That was more than enough support for Minor (1-2), winless in his previous eight starts dating to last season. He struck out six and walked two in 6 2-3 innings.

Dodgers 7, Marlins 1

In Los Angeles, Josh Beckett earned his first victory since September 2012 and the Los Angeles Dodgers kept Jacob Turner winless, beating the Miami Marlins.

Miami lost its fifth in a row after learning ace Jose Fernandez had a significant elbow tear and that the team doctor had recommended Tommy John surgery.

Beckett (1-1) gave up an unearned run and four hits over 6 2-3 innings, striking out six and walking three. The three-time All-Star was 0-6 in his last 14 starts. Beckett had a rib removed last July in a surgery to alleviate a nerve condition that was affecting his right arm.

Dodgers star Yasiel Puig extended his career-best hitting streak to 13 games with two hits.

Turner (0-1) is winless in 16 starts since last July.

Johnson says Clippers owner living in 'stone ages'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—NBA Hall of Famer Magic Johnson says Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling has badly outdated views about minorities and is shockingly ignorant about HIV and AIDS for such a prominent public figure.

"He's living in the stone ages," Johnson said in an interview that aired Tuesday with CNN's Anderson Cooper, a day after Sterling made his first public comments since racist recordings emerged last month and earned him a lifetime NBA ban. "You can't make those comments about African-Americans and Latinos. You just can't do it."

In Sterling's interview with Cooper, Sterling repeatedly brought up the ex-NBA star's HIV and called him an unfit role model for children.

Johnson mostly avoided lashing back at criticism from Sterling, who at one point cut off Cooper's listing of Johnson's achievements to loudly say "He's got AIDS!" Johnson, who is HIV positive but does not have AIDS, said he was surprised Sterling didn't make the distinction.

"Here's a man who you would think would be educated, and a man who is smart enough to build this type of wealth and own a team and have an incredible platform to change the world," Johnson said. "But he's doing it in a negative way."

Johnson is now a part-owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers and was once a part-owner of the Lakers after the playing career that was cut short by his contracting HIV in 1991.

"I came out like a man, I told the world," Johnson said of his famous public press conference announcing his retirement. "I didn't blame nobody else. I understood what I did was wrong. And I hope that I was able to help people."

Johnson, who said he has known Sterling since he first came to LA to play for the Lakers more than 30 years ago, said he didn't know how he got stuck in the middle of a situation that should have been a personal dispute between Sterling and V. Stiviano. Stiviano recorded Sterling making racist comments about a photo of herself and Johnson on Instagram.

"He's trying to find something to grab on to help him save his team," Johnson said, "and it's not going to happen."

Sterling's comments won him a quick and stinging rebuke from NBA commissioner Adam Silver, who said owners were working quickly to force Sterling out of the league.

On Tuesday his fellow owners in the league's advisory/finance committee met via conference call, discussed the CNN interview and reviewed the status of the charge for termination of the Clippers' ownership.

Silver or an owner has to formally charge Sterling in writing with violating Article 13 of the NBA's constitution. A hearing would then be held and require a three-fourths vote of the board of governors to force Sterling to sell the team he has owned since 1981.

Clippers coaches and players, in Oklahoma City on Tuesday for their playoff series against the Thunder, were asked about Sterling's latest comments, and most said they were doing their best to ignore them.

"I wasn't looking for him to say anything, to be honest," coach Doc Rivers said. "I was focused on our guys, and being above all that. He's going to keep doing what he does, and we have to keep doing our jobs."

Center Ryan Hollins said the team's playoff success amid the constant controversy is "a tribute to Doc and the character of our guys."

"I think we've always just had the mind-set of basketball first," Hollins said.

AP

In this image taken from video provided by CNN, Magic Johnson talks with host Anderson Cooper at studios in Los Angeles in an interview broadcast Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

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Saipan Community School missed the podium finish after settling for fourth with its 31 points, while Tinian Elementary School (29) placed fifth and followed by Brilliant Star Academy (25), Agape Christina School (25), San Vicente Elementary School (20), Saipan International School (19), San Antonio Elementary School (15), and Whispering Palms School.

In the girls U8, Koblerville's girls team had more points than the boys with a field-best 93 markers. Again, the Umangs ruled the running events, having 10 points each in eight of the nine events and getting seven more in field events (long jump and vortex throw) and six in the 4x400m relay to smoke the competition.

The Lady Umangs were way ahead of San Antonio and Dandan, which had a close race for second and third place. San Antonio collected 48 points to edge Dandan, which got 46. Other schools entered in the girls U8 were Whispering Palms (28), San Vicente (26), WSR (20), SCS (18), Brilliant Star (12), and Tinian, SIS, and ACS, which bagged six points each.

Koberville got its third championship trophy after hauling 81 points in the boys U10 division. It almost doubled the output of runner-up San Vicente, which gained 46 markers. Tinian notched 38 points to round out the Top 3 and bring home its first trophy this season. Dandan missed its second trophy after dropping to fourth with its 32 points, while other participants in the age group were SIS (28), Whispering Palms (26), SCS (26), Agape (21), Oleai (19), Tanapag (8), WSR (8), and San Antonio (1).

WSR foiled Koberville's bid for a sweep in the U10 age group after winning the girls division with the Kingfishers' 93 points. WSR had enough entries in the running races and field events to beat Oleai, which settled for runner-up honors with its 72 points, 20 of them came from its impressive performance in the 60m race. Tinian Elementary School bagged its second third place trophy after drilling 44 points in the division and joining WSR and Oleai in the podium.

In the girls U12 age group, it was San Vicente's turn to play the spoiler role to WSR's bid for a second championship, as the former prevailed in the division after tallying 82 points and slipping past WSR (52) and Tinian (49). Agape (38), Koblerville (24), Oleai (17), Dandan (16), and San Antonio (14) completed the field.

In the boys U12, Koblerville nearly reached the century mark with its 99 points to foil Oleai's bid for an upset. Oleai took the second place trophy with its 68 points, while Agape brought home the third place plum after nosing out Tinian, 39-33. Other schools that competed in the boys U12 were Dandan (28), San Vicente (25), San Antonio (18), SIS (12), and WSR and Whispering Palms, which got six points apiece.

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youthful pair of Deether Edralin and Havikka Farro slipped past veterans Joel Ortega and Loyda Ito, 21-14, 18-21, 21-18. In the second extended match, Oh Im Bog and Dianna Francisco bounced back from a first game loss to Edwin Montoya and Shirley Kim, 20-21, sweeping the last two, 21-10, 21-11, to steal the victory.

For the last mixed doubles B tiff of the night, Aries Cordero and Toshiko Obata coasted past A.J. Ortega and Elna Curate, 21-12, 21-12.

In other mixed doubles games, Hapi Gabriel and Windy Fernandez pulled off an upset over Andreau Galvez and Jen Savellano in the Class A, while the two Class C matches had mixed results, and the lone Class B game ended shortly.

Gabriel and Fernandez dropped the opening game, 15-21, but grabbed the win anyway after working out a 21-18, 21-16 victory over their favored opponents.

In the mixed doubles C, Eydie Uy and Merlie Savellano took the short route in defeating Sato San and Roxe Lazaro, 21-8, 21-10, while Marc Mora and Patricia Abantao needed three games to thwart the latter pair, 21-18, 17-21, 21-18. In the only mixed doubles B game played last Saturday, Kelvin Yong Son and his partner whipped Panapa Peteru and Emily Vargas, 21-4, 21-8.

Meanwhile, eighth singles games took place in Day 2 of the month-long competition supported by IT&E. In the lone men's singles A match, Ezekiel Macario survived a challenge from Edralin, escaping with a 19-21, 21-19, 21-19 win, while in the men's singles B, Son also bailed out of trouble, thwarting Jeff Riman, 21-7, 20-21, 21-19.

In the men's singles C, youth player A.J. Ortega gave the returning Rick Brien a rude welcome, posting a 21-14, 21-19 win, while Tae Ho Kim also swept Tommy Kim, 21-16, 21-18. Patrick Fernandez and John Cano were also scheduled to play last Saturday, but a no-show from the latter gave the former the free win.

In the women's singles C, Nicole Malasarte went 2-0, beating Abantao first, 21-9, 21-3, before recording another sweep against Rowena Sison, 21-11, 21-20. The two women's singles B games also concluded early with Obata outclassing Merlie Tolentino, 21-14, 21-6, and Fernandez dominating Curate, 21-10, 21-15.

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twin digits.

In the first game, Maplas routed Olivos Team, 79-67.

Maplas broke the game wide open in the second quarter, as it scored 15 points against only 8 from Olivos Team. Before pulling away, Maplas was ahead by only a hair at the end of the first period, 17-16. It was a team effort for Maplas, as it had five players scoring at least two baskets each in the crucial second canto that ended with the team ahead by 18, 42-24. Olivos Team fell into a deep hole in the second quarter, as only Badong Camacho and J.R. Barrios lit up the board in that period. Camacho had 5 points off a triple and a layup, while Barrios completed an and-1 play.

Olivos Team failed to make headway in the second half to drop its opener, while Maplas joined opening day victors San Antonio and Shockers in the win column. Shockers opened the hostilities in the 10-team league last Sunday with a 106-78 demolition of Team Pacman, while San Antonio downed the Pelicans in the second game on opening day, 85-79

First Game

Maplas 79 – Claveria 20, Mendoza 16, M. Usi 13, Lontoc 8, Paraiso 5, Odicta 5, Flores 3, Rivera 2, Anicieta 2.

Olivos Team 67 – Camacho 16,Barrios 16, Aquino 14, Capalad 13, Mina 5, Ebuen 3.

Scoring by quarters: 17-16, 42-24, 60-48, 79-65.

Second Game

Island Manpower 107 – Pangelinan 27, Tabora 20, Bisana 17, Capalad 17, Teregeyo 15, Lizama 7.

Docomo 97 – Sison 24, Villacrusis 19, Diaz 13, Berline 13, Camacho 12, Tudela 8, Sanciangco 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-19, 48-42, 80-79, 107-97.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	20	17	.541	–
Toronto	20	20	.500	1½
Boston	19	19	.500	1½
New York	19	19	.500	1½
Tampa Bay	17	23	.425	4½

Central Division

Detroit	23	12	.657	–
Kansas City	19	19	.500	5½
Minnesota	18	19	.486	6
Chicago	19	22	.463	7
Cleveland	18	21	.462	7

West Division

Oakland	25	15	.625	–
Los Angeles	20	18	.526	4
Seattle	20	19	.513	4½
Texas	20	20	.500	5
Houston	13	27	.325	12

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	22	16	.579	–
Washington	20	19	.513	2½
Miami	20	20	.500	3
New York	19	19	.500	3
Philadelphia	17	20	.459	4½

Central Division

Milwaukee	25	14	.641	–
St. Louis	20	20	.500	5½
Cincinnati	17	20	.459	7
Pittsburgh	16	22	.421	8½
Chicago	13	25	.342	11½

West Division

San Francisco	25	15	.625	–
Colorado	23	18	.561	2½
Los Angeles	22	19	.537	3½
San Diego	19	21	.475	6
Arizona	16	26	.381	10

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2014 McDonald's/PSS All Schools Athletics Championships Part 2

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An Agape Christian School runner hands over the baton to her teammate during the mixed relay race in the 2014 McDonald's/PSS All Schools Athletics Championships held last week at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Runners in the girls U12' 4x100m relay push themselves hard as they near the finish line.

Marianas High School's Friendly Joy Pena leads the 4x100m relay run

A U12 student competes in the vortex throw.

Marianas High School students and their coach Preston Basa, standing left, pose with McDonald's Marcia Ayuyu, standing right, after the completion of last Friday's events.

Koblerville Elementary School runners pose with their gold medals in the mixed relay.

A William S. Reyes Elementary School student is on his way down the field during the long jump competition.

The empty starting block waits for the runners competing in the 100m sprint.

Two runners wait for the starting gun during the 100m run in the U10 age group.

Thunder rally in final minute to stun Clippers

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Koblerville puts on show in All Schools

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Koblerville Elementary School runners lead the podium finish in the boys U8 4x100m relay race in the 2014 McDonald's/PSS All Schools Athletics Championships last week at the Oleai Sports Complex. Joining them at the awards ceremony are second placer Oleai Elementary School and third place finisher Saipan Community School.

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Koblerville Elementary School made last week's 2014 McDonald's/PSS All Schools Athletics Championships its stamping grounds, winning four of the six age group titles.

The Umangs swept the U8 division and topped the boys U10 and U12 age groups to reign supreme in the elementary competition of the annual event held from May 8 to 10 at the Oleai Sports Complex.

In the boys U8 division, Koblerville gained 76 points to lord it over 13 other schools. The Umangs got the most points in the division after dominating the running events in their age group. The eventual champion drew 10 points each in the 60m, 100, and 200m races and the three relays to go with its 14 markers from the 400m and two from the vortex throw.

Joining Koblerville on the podium and receiving a trophy for making it to the Top 3 were Oleai Elementary School and William S. Reyes Elementary School, which each collected 44 points.

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Two in a row for Regis and Saturno

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Vic Regis and Cheng Saturno bagged their second straight win in the mixed doubles B division of the 2014 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament after another sweep over their foes last Saturday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Regis and Saturno, who made short work of Roger Vales and Heo In Souk, 21-2, 21-18, in the opening of the tournament last Friday, this time was paired against Celso Agui and Cristy Villaflor and cruised to a 21-11, 21-8, for a strong start in their division.

Three other mixed doubles B matches were played last Saturday with two of them going the distance. In the first game, the

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Cheng Saturno stretches for the shuttlecock, while teammate Vic Regis looks back during their mixed doubles B game against Christy Villaflor and Celso Agui in the IT&E badminton tournament last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Island Manpower stuns Docomo

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Island Manpower caught a big fish in its first game in the 2014 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League after beating defending champion Docomo Pacific, 107-97, last Tuesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex.

Island Manpower's guns were blazing in the second match of the night, as they had five players breaking into double figures and they converted nine triples. Four of those shots from downtown came in the fourth quarter, allowing Island Manpower to turn a shaky 80-79 lead at the end of the third to a 98-87 advantage, going into the final four minutes of the match. White Capalad knocked in two of those triples in back-to-back fashion and scored 8 straight points to give Island Manpower enough cushion.

Docomo, which won last season's championship against San Antonio, tried to mount a comeback, but failed to do so, as it missed several attempts from beyond the arc and the 15-foot line.

Ed Pangelinan top-scored for Island Manpower with his 27 points, while Jun Tabora chipped in 20. Cecilio Bisana and Capalad added 17 apiece, while Syl Teregeyo tallied 15. Marlon Sison led Docomo's losing cause with his 24 points, but he was scoreless in the pivotal fourth quarter. James Villacrusis contributed 19, and three more Docomo players also finished in

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Island Manpower's Ed Pangelinan escapes with a fastbreak layup against Docomo Pacific's James Villacrusis during the fourth quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Tuesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.